

Deciphering the Universe: Cryogenic detectors for neutrino and dark matter searches

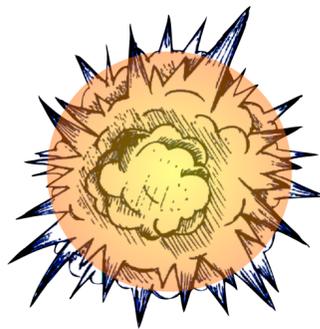
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MOTIVATION

What is matter ?



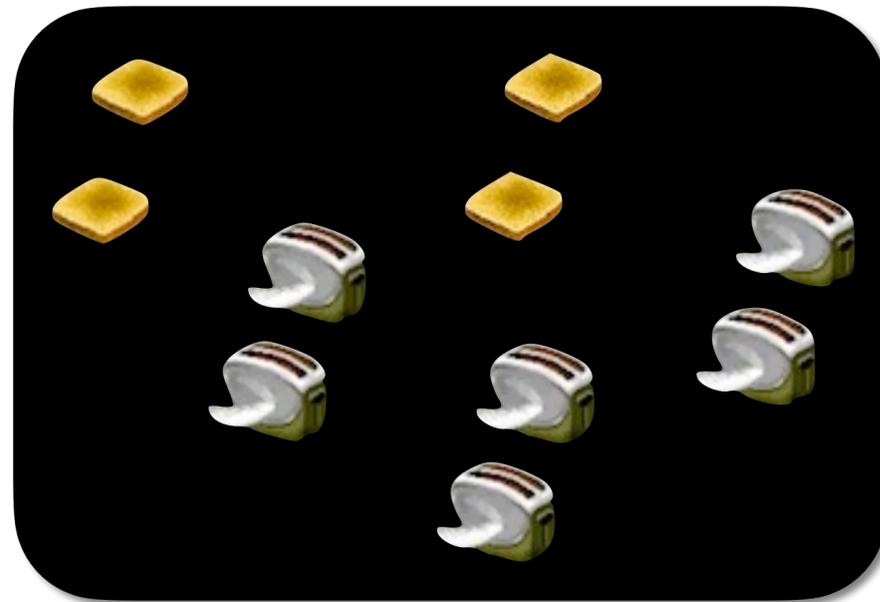
Big Bang



Now

Matter-antimatter asymmetry
How matter is created ?

Neutrinos & Dark Matter



most abundant particles
as probes

Sensitive technology



Cryogenic detectors

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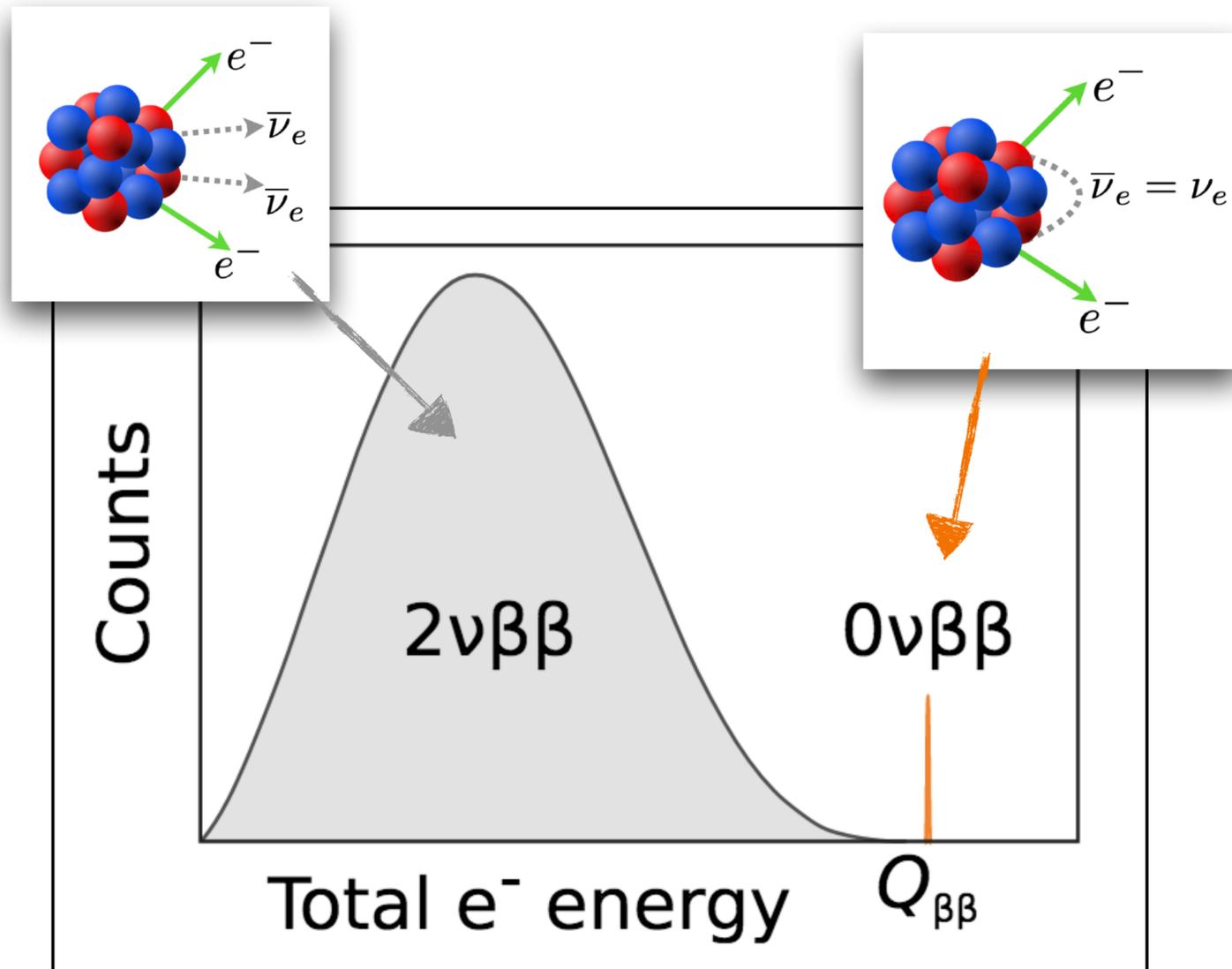
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HOW MATTER IS CREATED?

NEUTRINOLESS DOUBLE-BETA DECAY



Shed light on matter-antimatter asymmetry

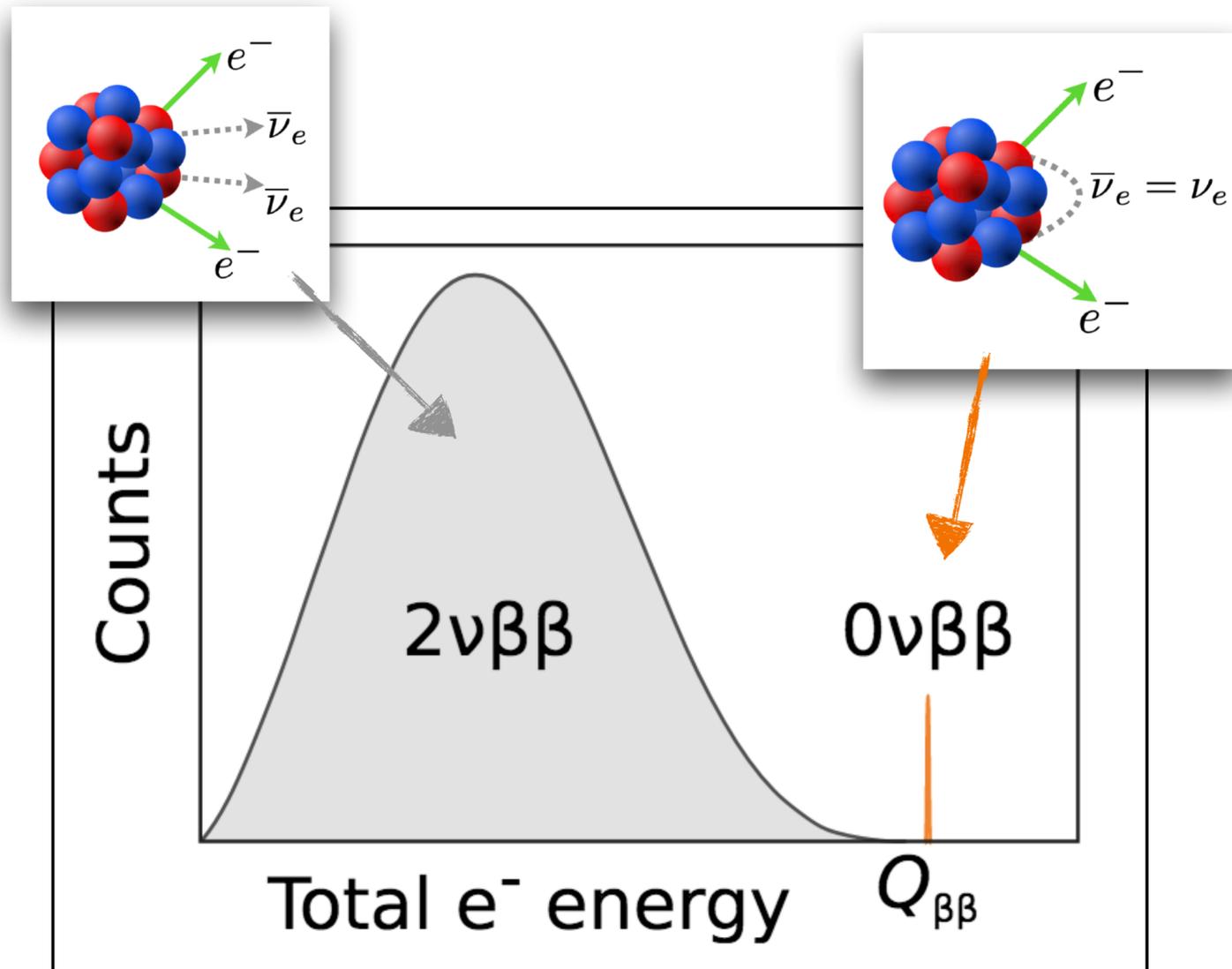
Neutrinos are Majorana particles

Half-life measures neutrino mass:

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}} = G_{0\nu}(Q, Z) \cdot |M^{0\nu}|^2 \cdot m_{\beta\beta}^2$$

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Rarest decay $\tau > 10^{26}$ y

Experimental parameters:

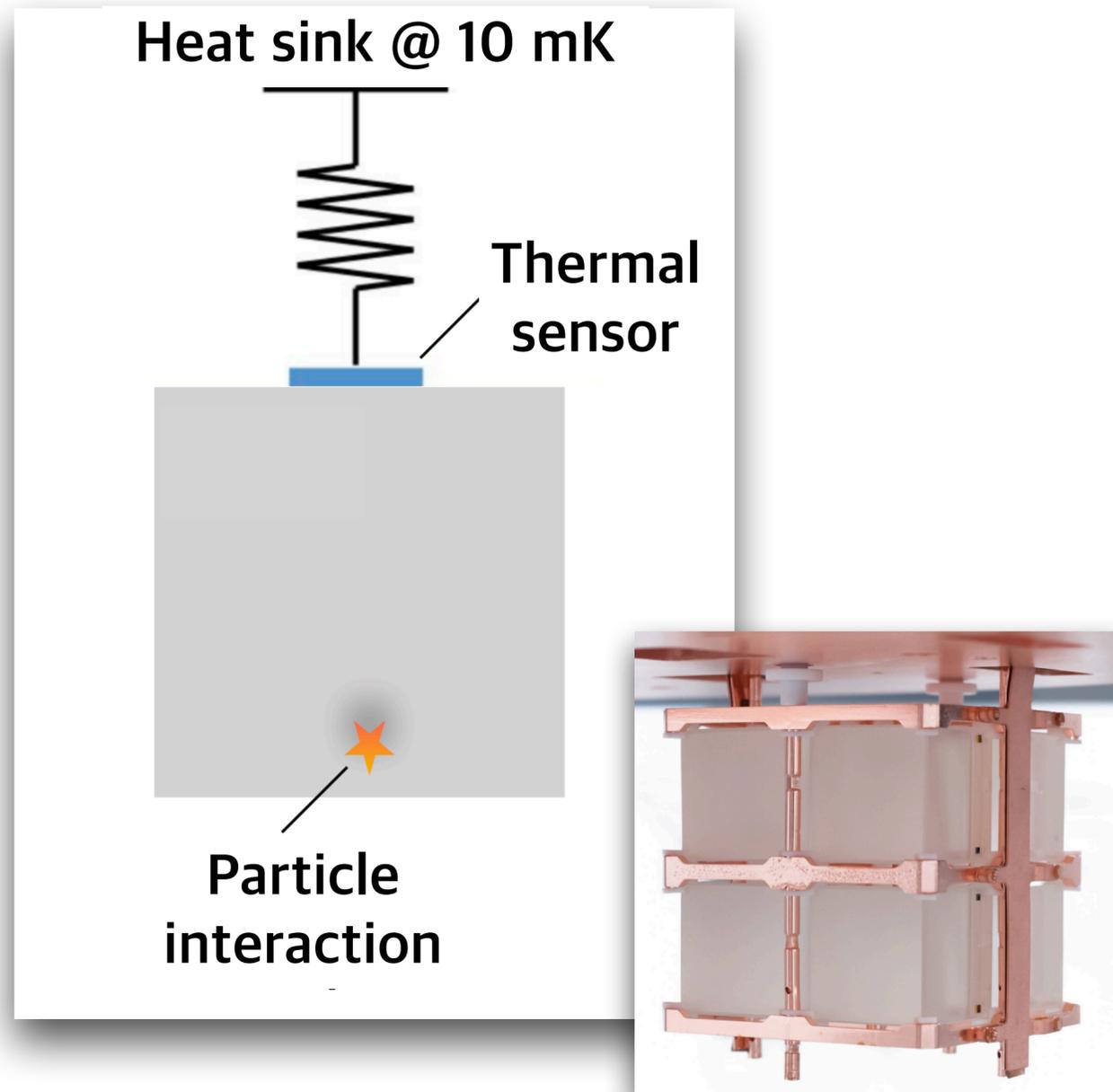
Large exposure (tonxy)

Ultra-low-background (1 c/ton/y/RoI)

Excellent energy resolution ($\sim 0.1\%$ @ RoI)

WHAT IS A CRYOGENIC DETECTOR ?

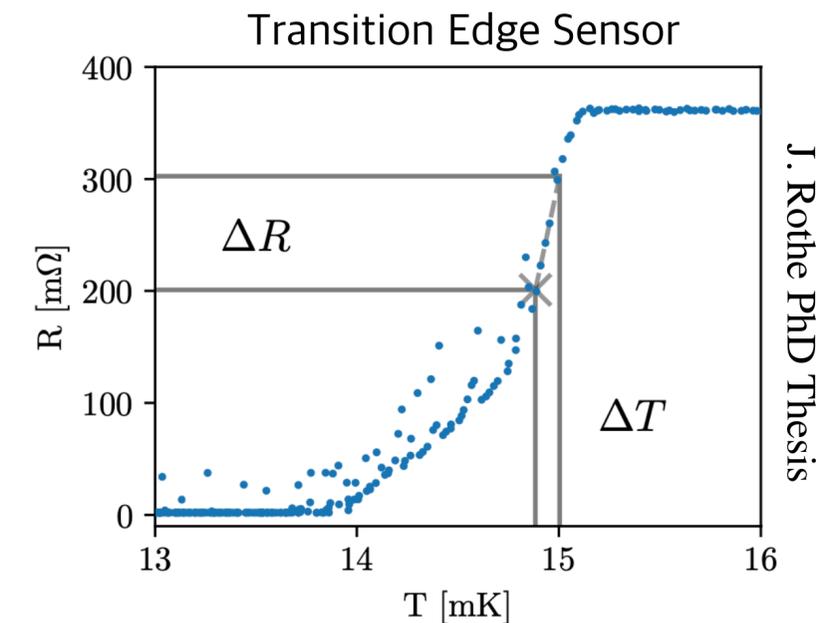
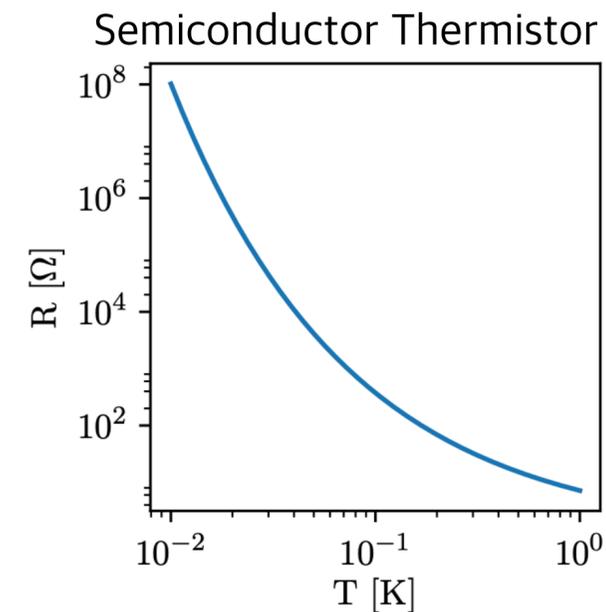
LOW-T CALORIMETER



A highly sensitive calorimeter operated @ **10 mK**

Energy deposits are measured as temperature variations of the absorber.

Thermistors are a key technology



J. Rothe PhD Thesis

$$C \sim O(\text{pJ/K}) \sim O(\text{keV}/\mu\text{K})$$

CUORE EXPERIMENT

1 M³ DETECTOR @ 10 MK



World's largest cryogenic detector

@ underground of LNGS (3600 m w.e.)

International collaboration (100+ members)

Detector:

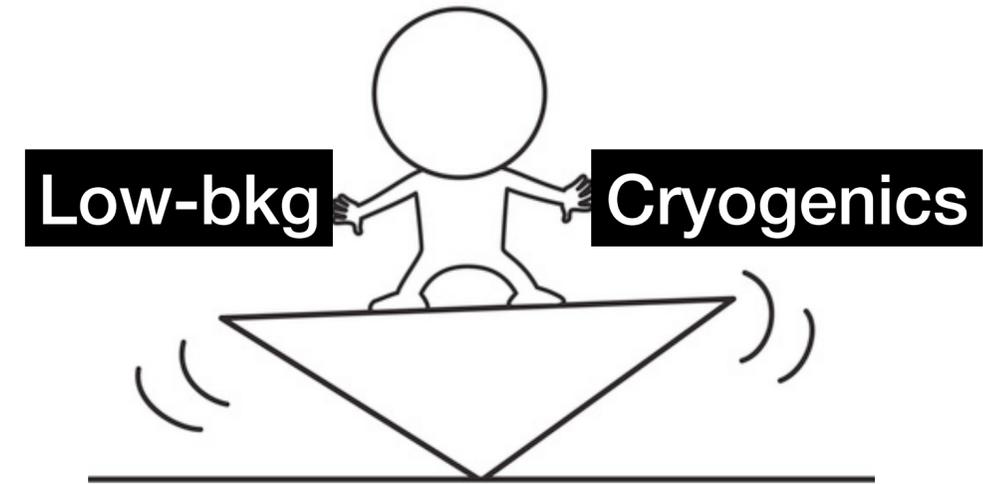
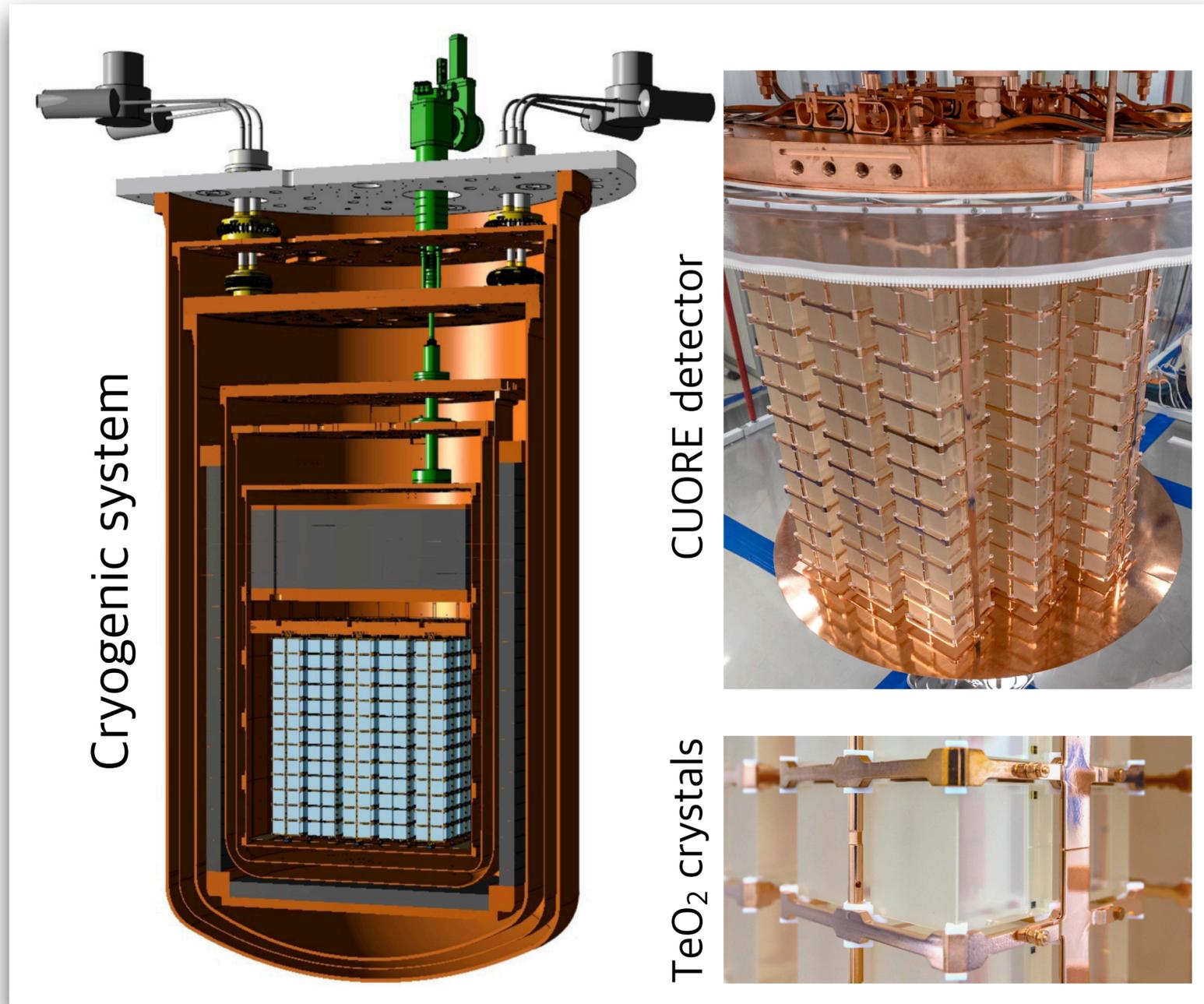
750 kg of ^{nat}TeO₂ (¹³⁰Te 33% natural i.a.)

Array of 1000 cryogenic detectors



THE CUORE DETECTOR

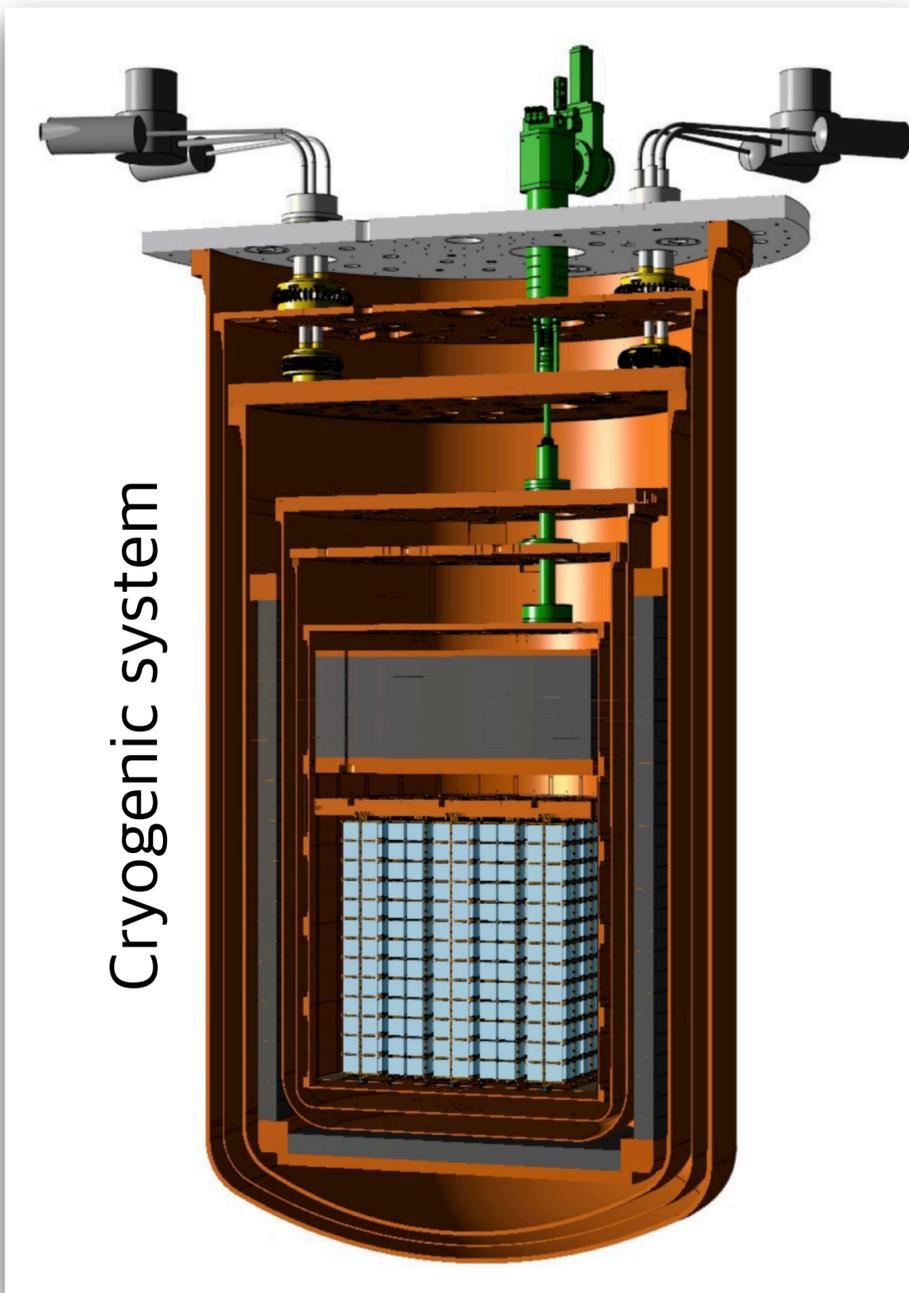
BACKGROUND REDUCTION TECHNIQUES



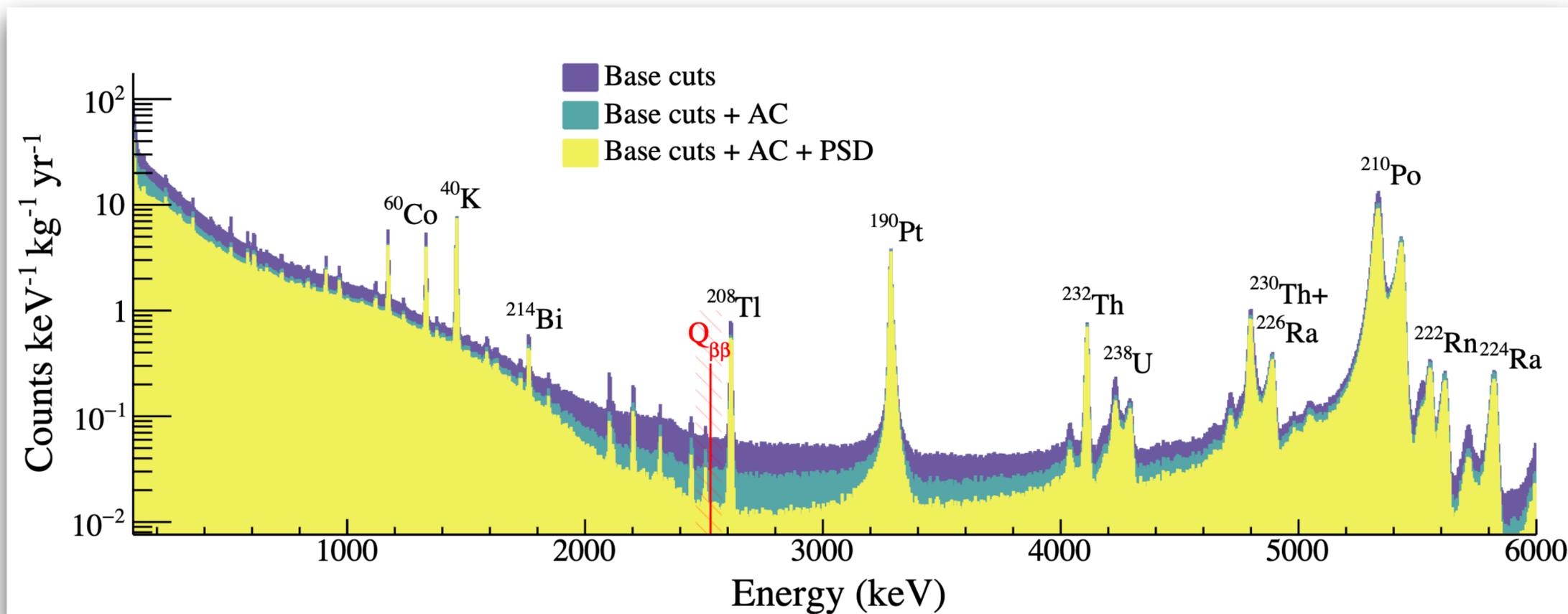
- > Internal shield @ 4K - ArchPb
- > Material selection - detector purity @ ppt [10^{-12} g/g]
- > Anti-coincidence - 1000 detectors array

CUORE $0\nu\beta\beta$ RESULTS

LOOKING FOR A MATTER CREATION PROCESS



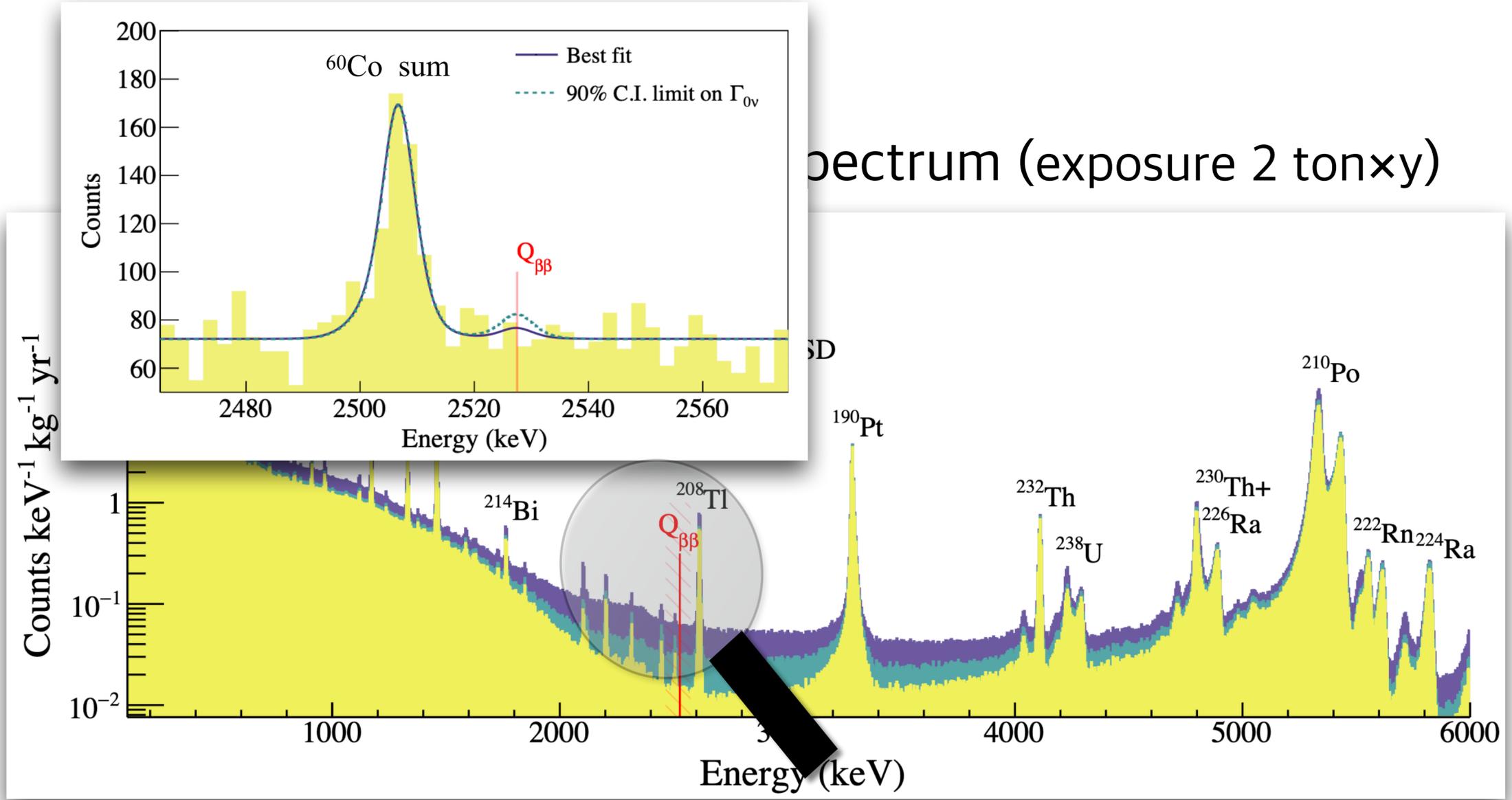
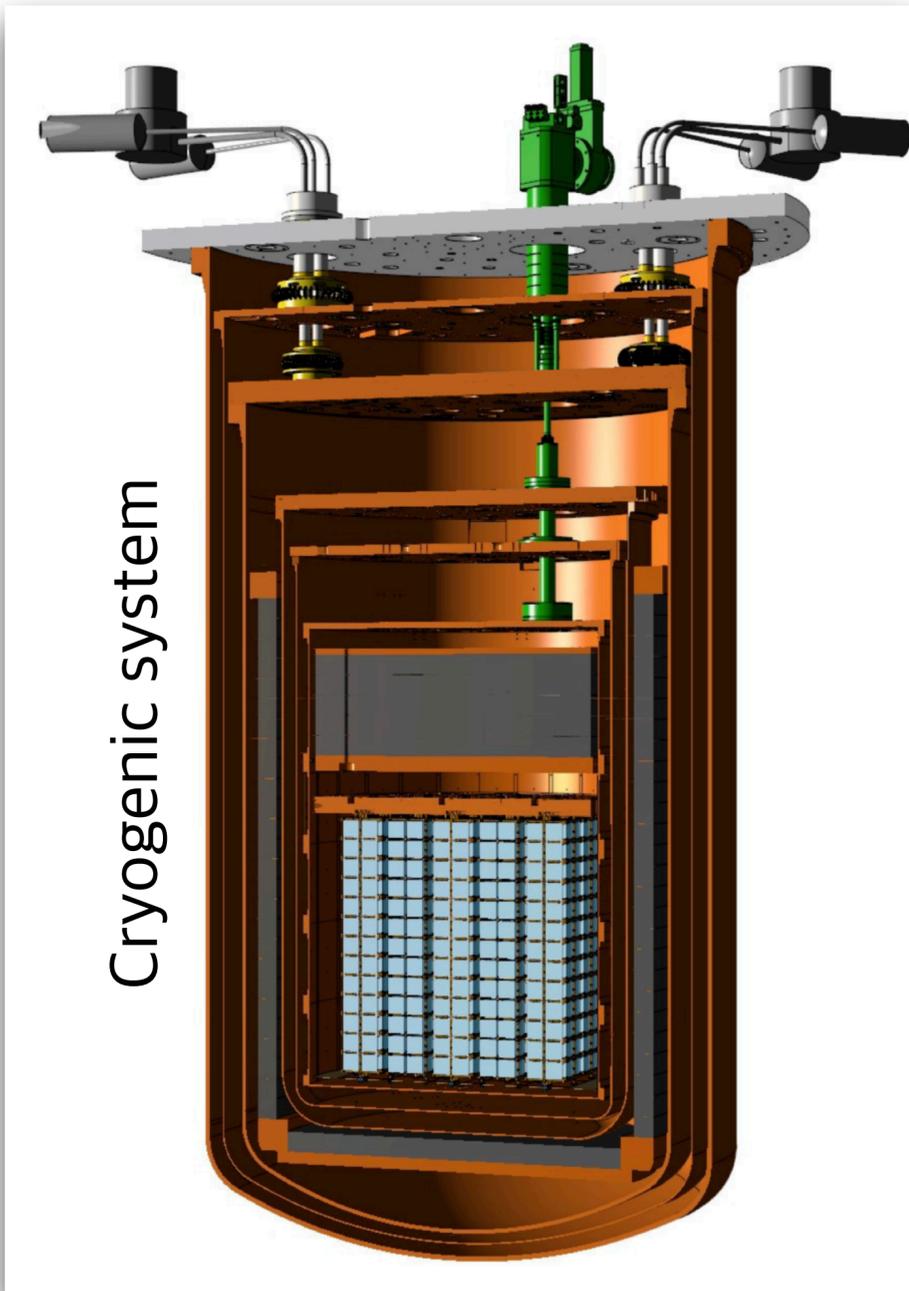
CUORE total detector energy spectrum (exposure 2 ton \times y)



CUORE Coll., ArXiv:2404.04453

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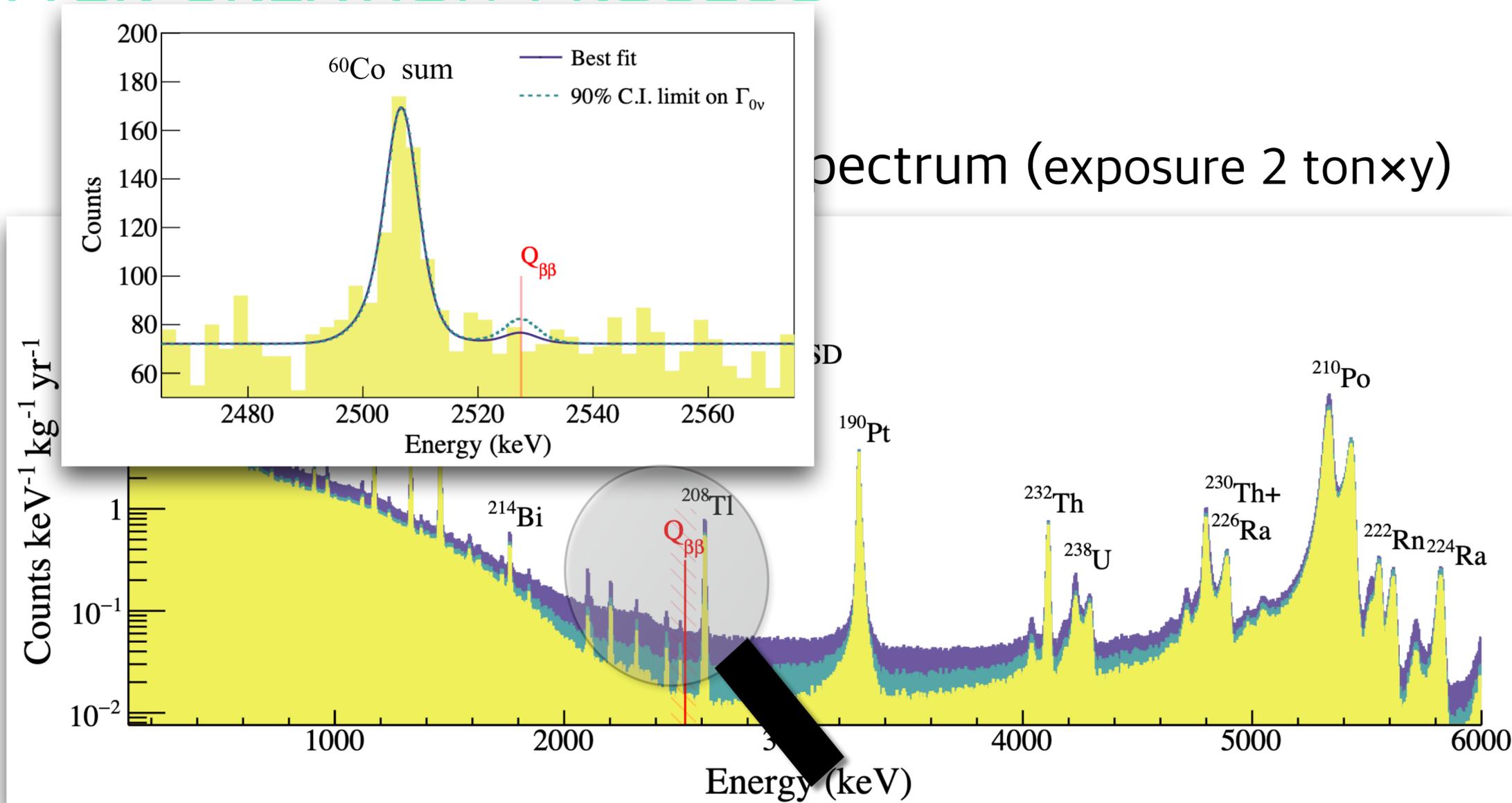
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}({}^{130}\text{Te}) > 4 \times 10^{25} \text{ y}$$

$$m_{\beta\beta} < (70 - 240) \text{ meV}$$

Detector performance:

FWHM @ ROI - 7.5 keV

Bkg @ ROI - 1.4×10^{-2} c/keV/kg/y



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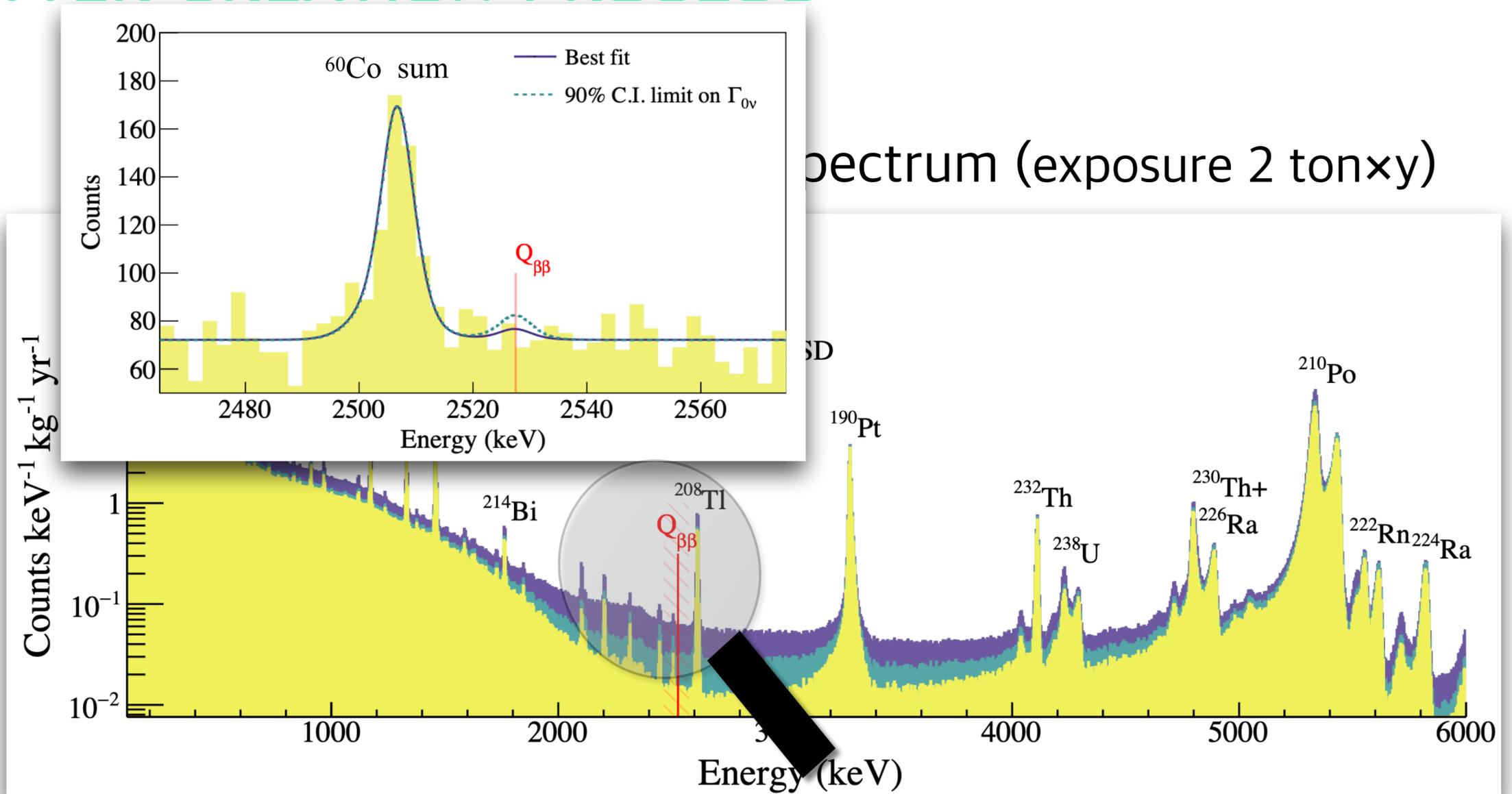
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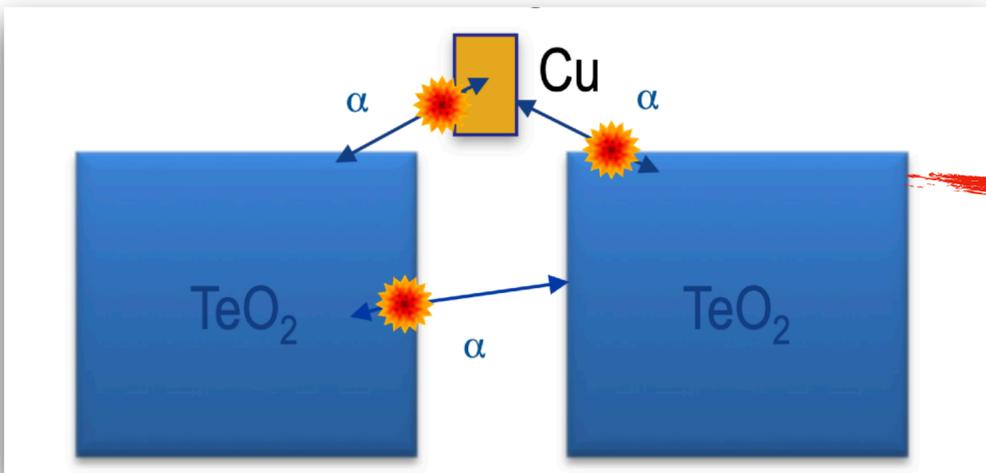


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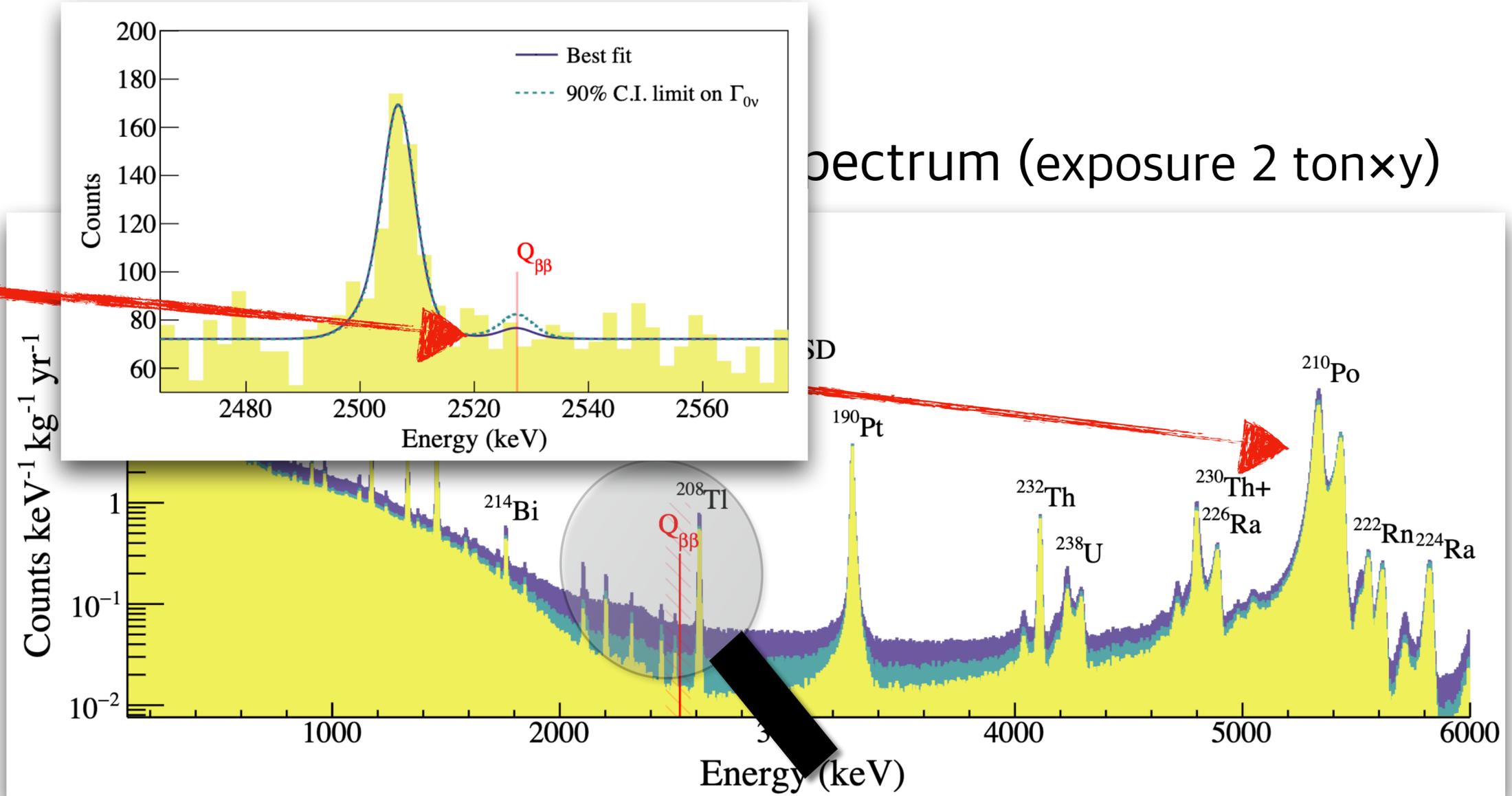
90% is flat α background



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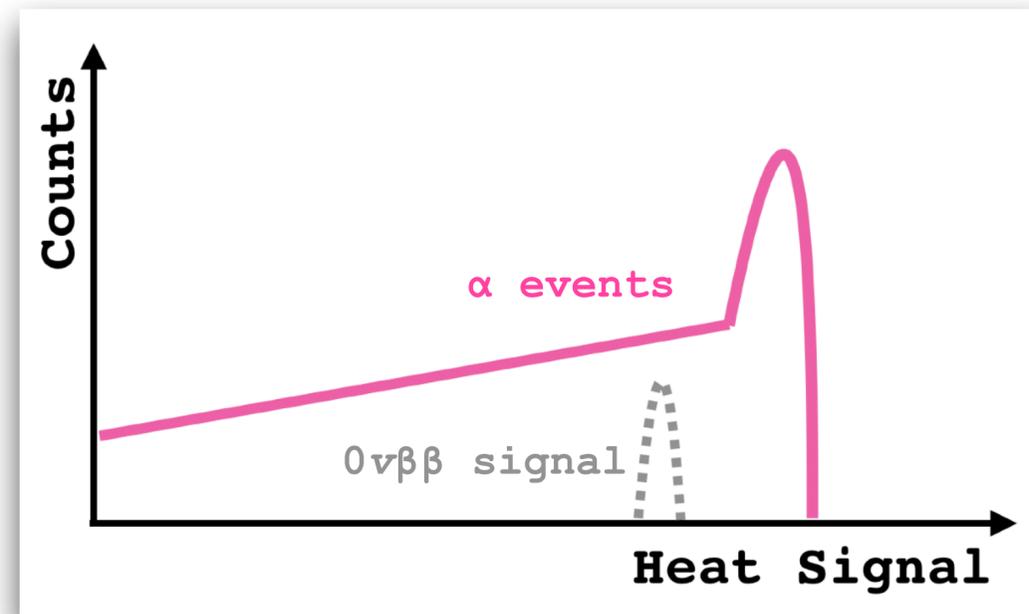
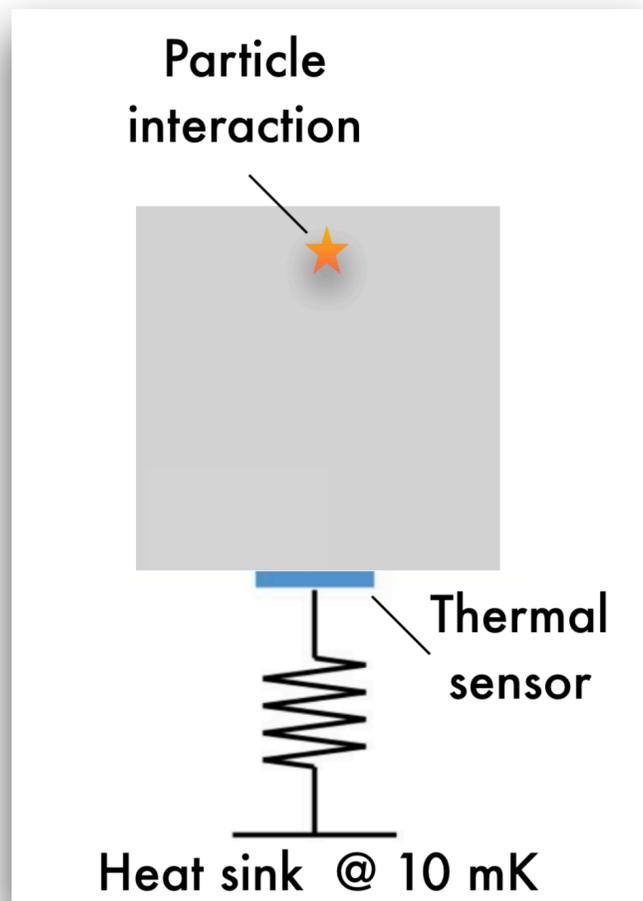
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BACKGROUNDS SUPPRESSION

SINGLE CHANNEL READ-OUT

Read out of Heat channel

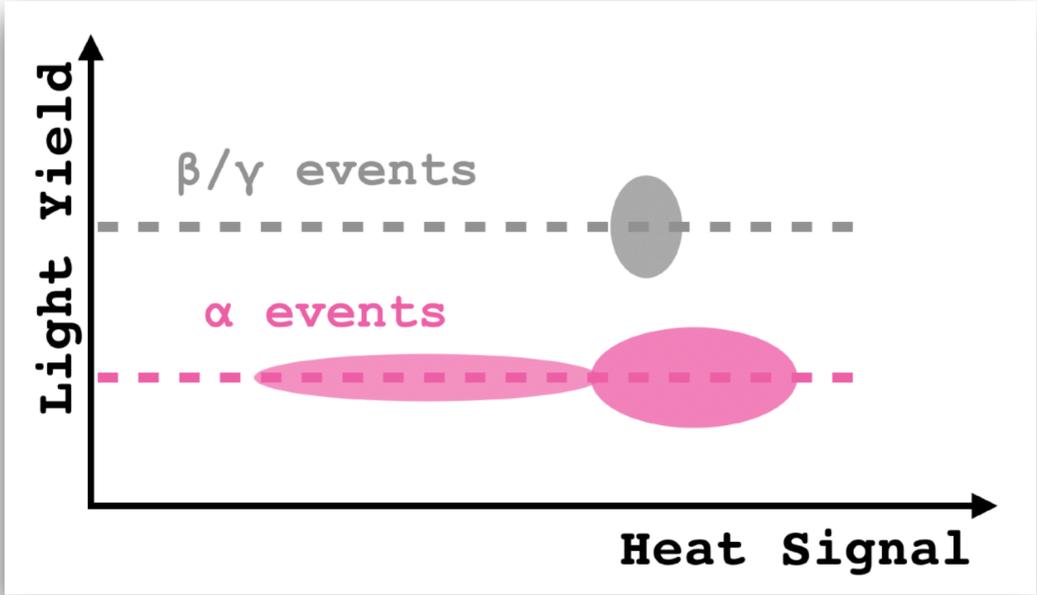
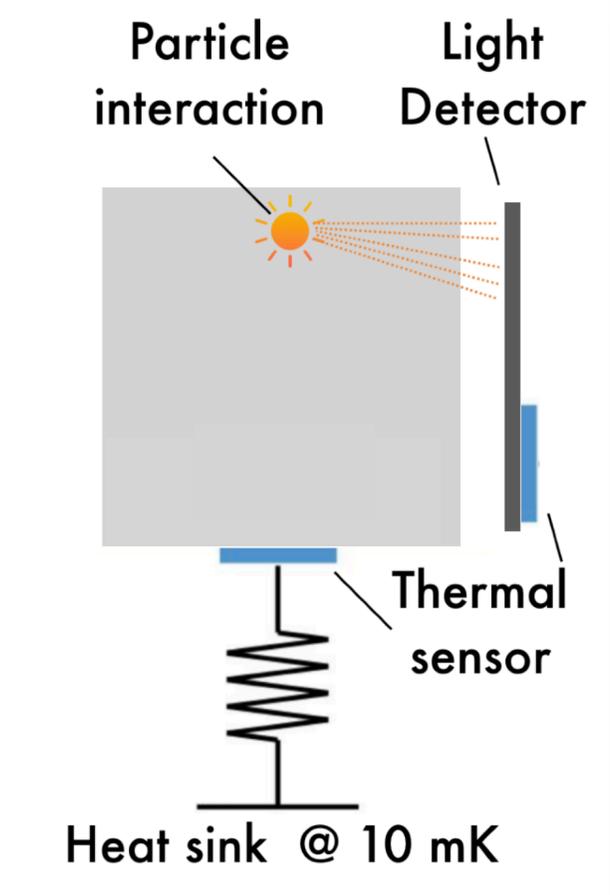


No particle ID

BACKGROUNDS SUPPRESSION

DOUBLE CHANNEL READ-OUT

Read out of Scintillation light using auxiliary Light Detector



	PMT	Cryo-det
Quantum efficiency	✗	✓
Energy resolution	✗	✓
Intrinsic radiopurity	✗	✓
Work @ low T	✗	✓
Energy threshold	✓	✗

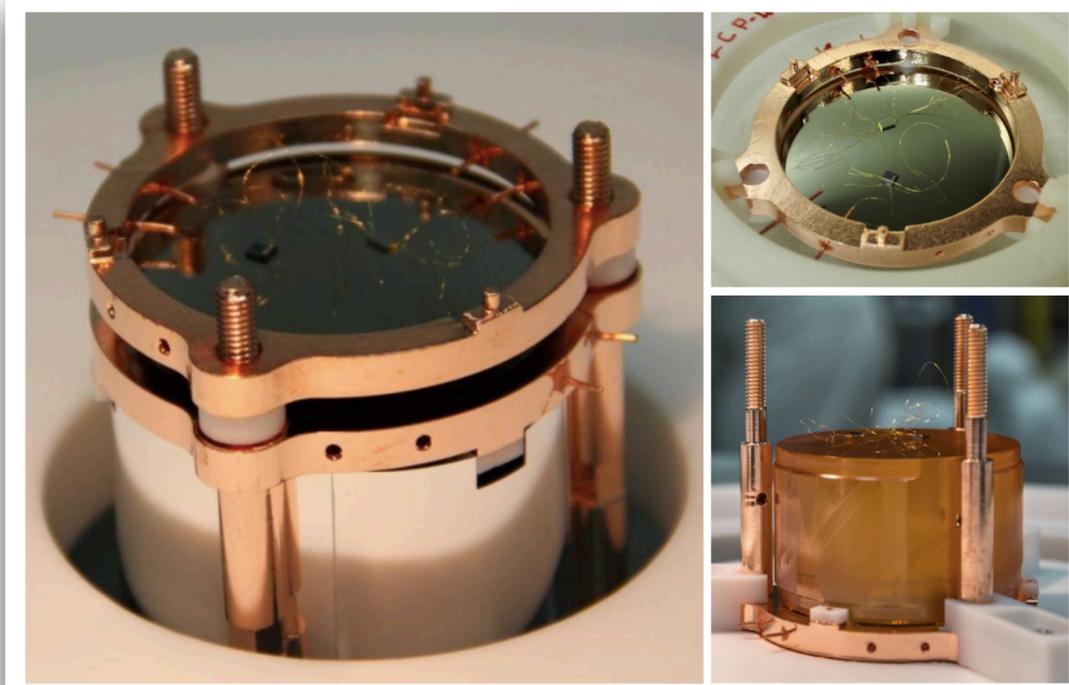
Particle ID

CUORE SUCCESSOR: CUPID

CUORE UPGRADE WITH PARTICLE ID

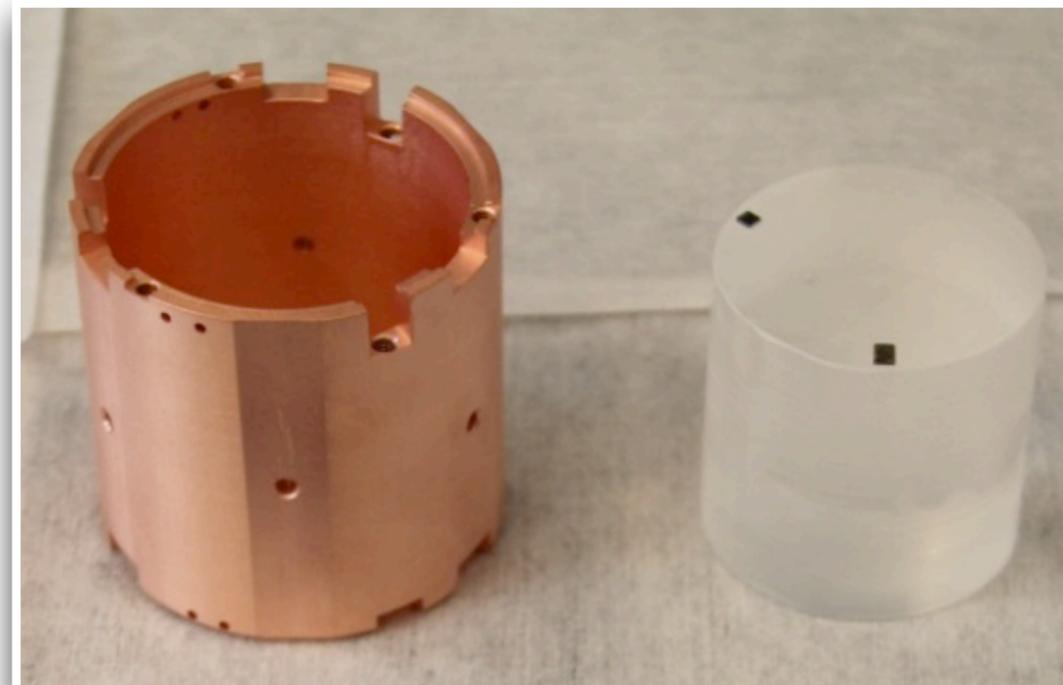
merging 3 technologies

CUPID-0: particle ID with LD



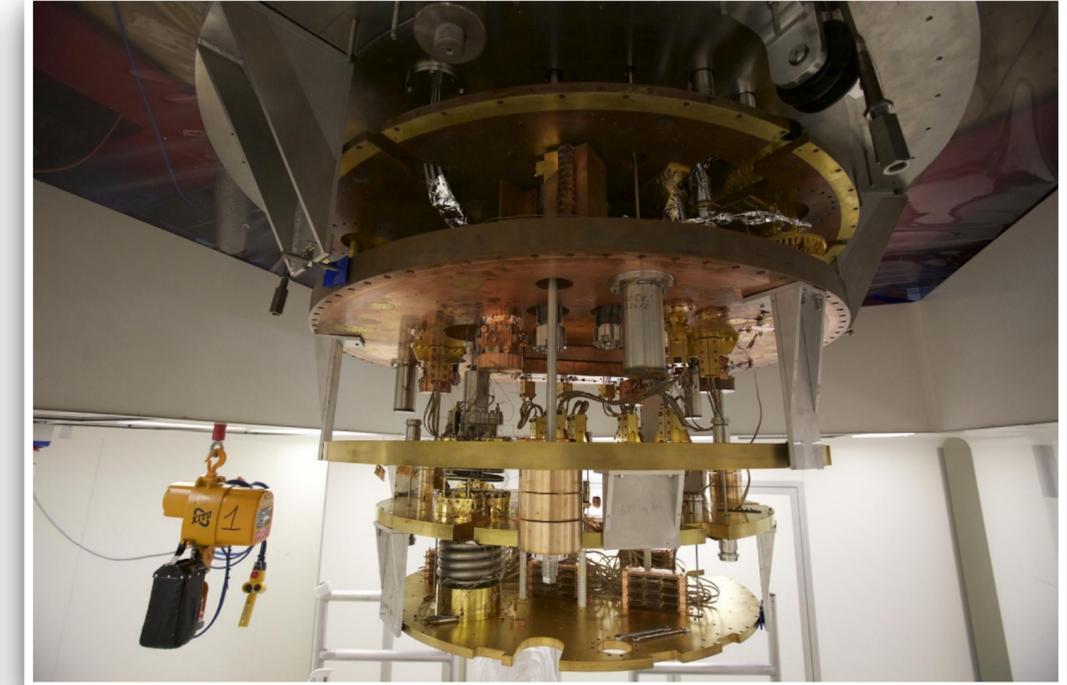
> lowest bkg in a cryo-det:
 3×10^{-3} c/keV/kg/y @ ROI

CUPID-Mo: $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ target



> excellent radiopurity:
 ^{232}Th : < 2 uBq/kg ; ^{238}U : < 3 uBq/kg

CUORE: cryogenic infrastructure



> Continuous operation since 2018

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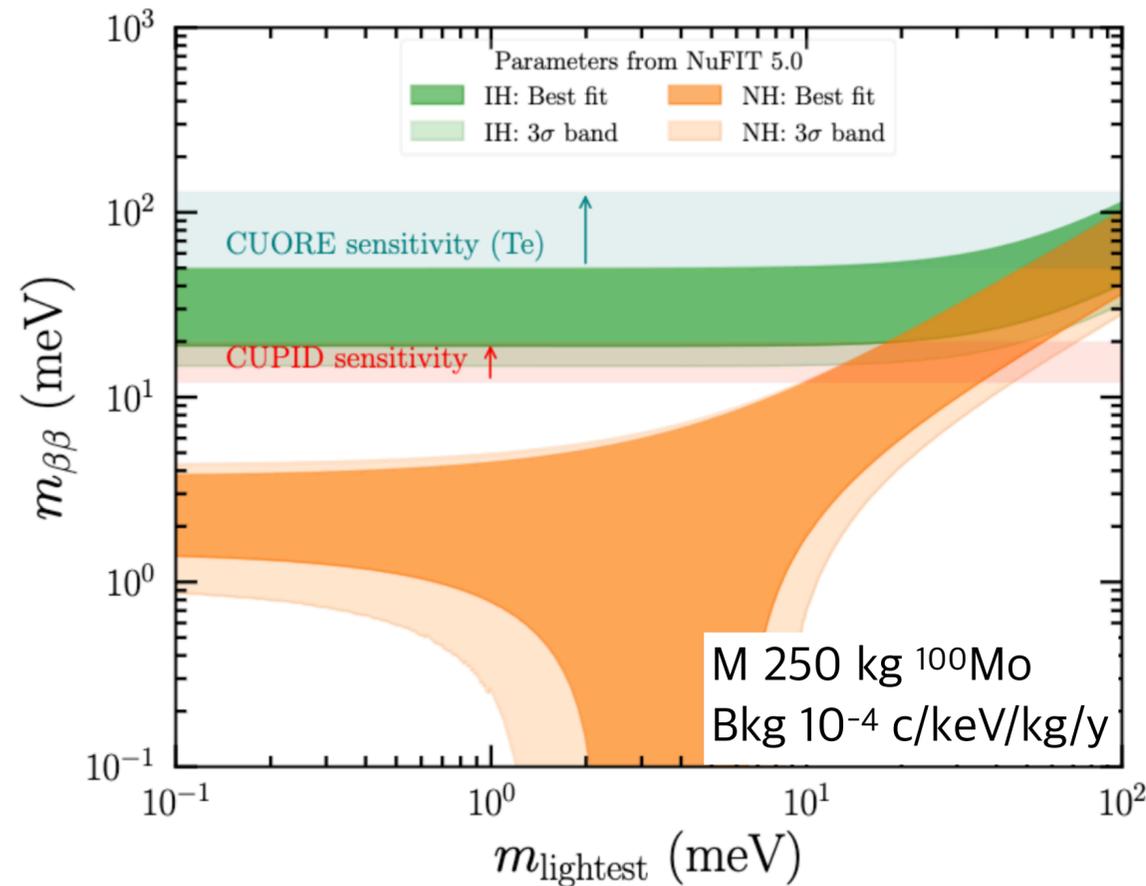
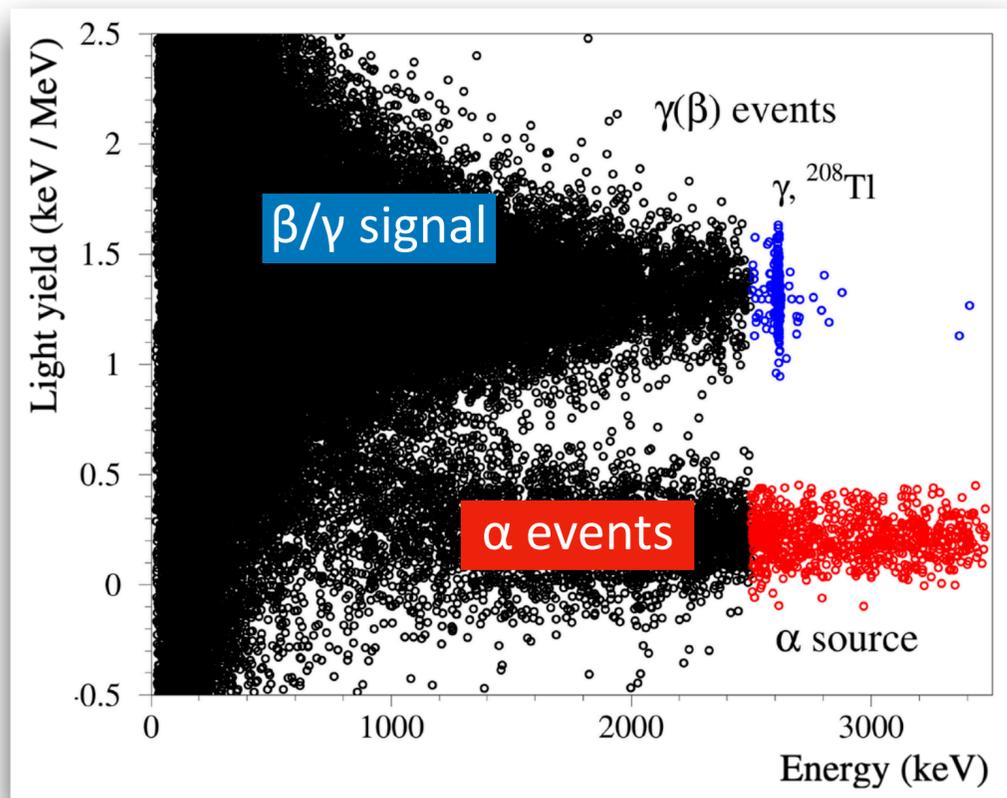
REPLACING NATTEO_2 WITH $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MOO}_4$

CUPID

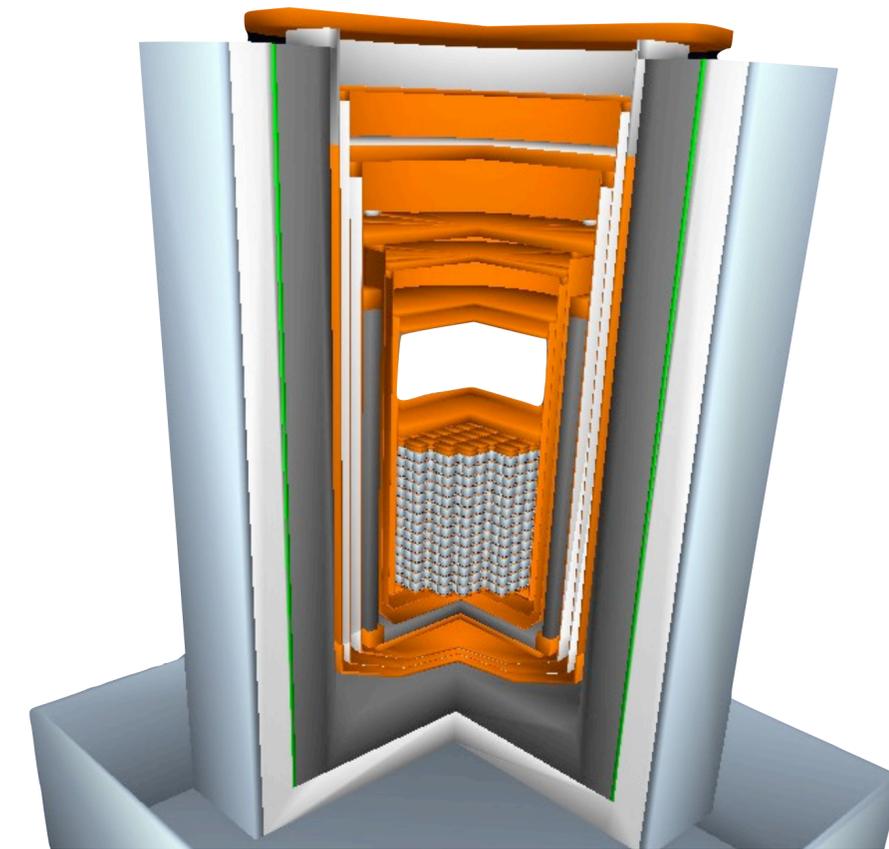
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu\beta\beta}({}^{100}\text{Mo}) = 10^{27} \text{ y}$$

$$m_{\beta\beta} = 12\text{-}20 \text{ meV}$$

Detector performance



CUORE infrastructure background



CUPID pre-CDR - ArXiv:1907.09376

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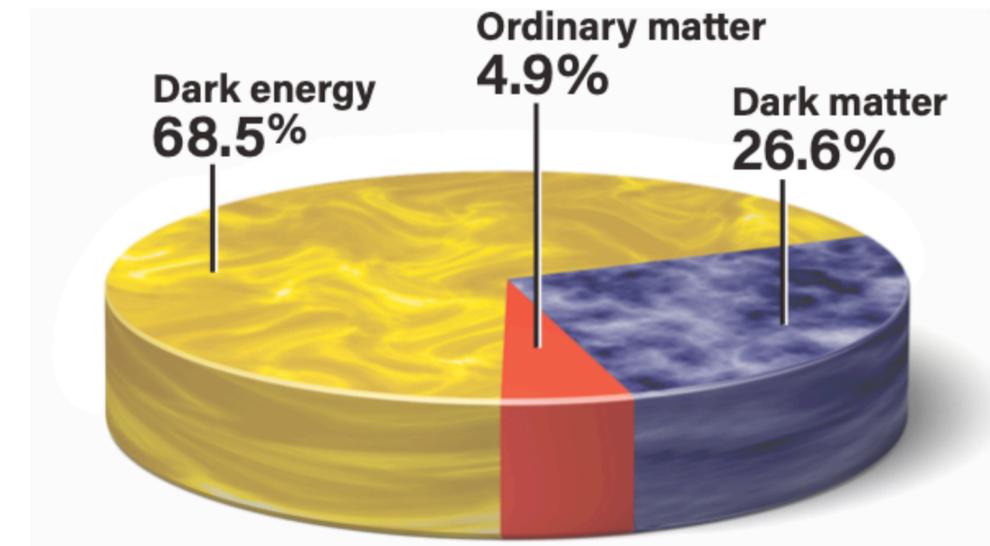
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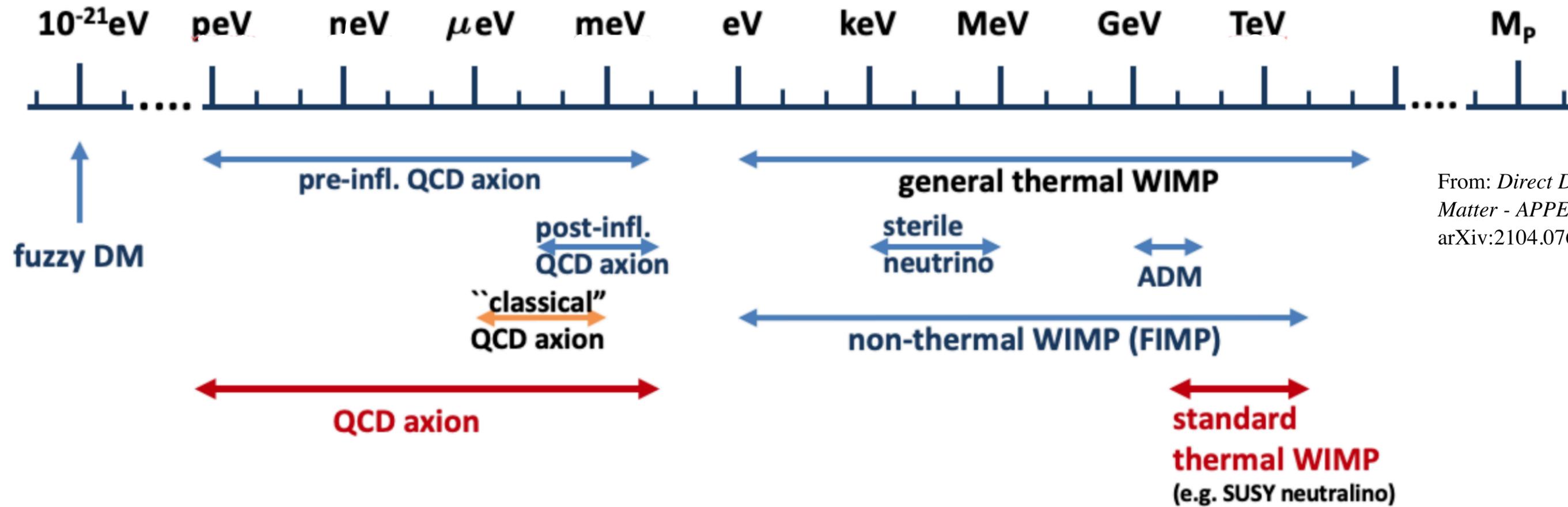
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Great variety of DM candidates

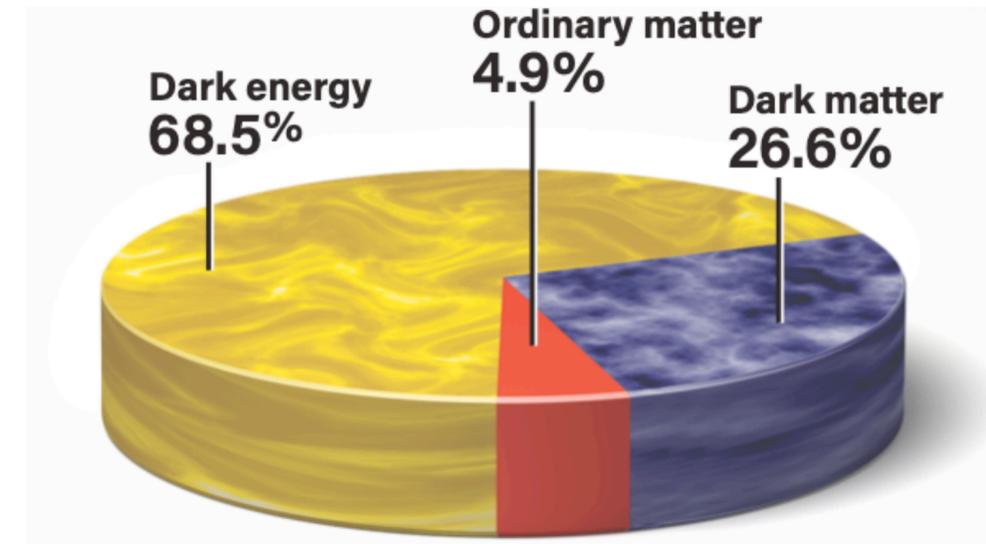


From: *Direct Detection of Dark Matter - APPEC Committee Report*
arXiv:2104.07634

Great variety of theoretically motivated dark matter particle candidates

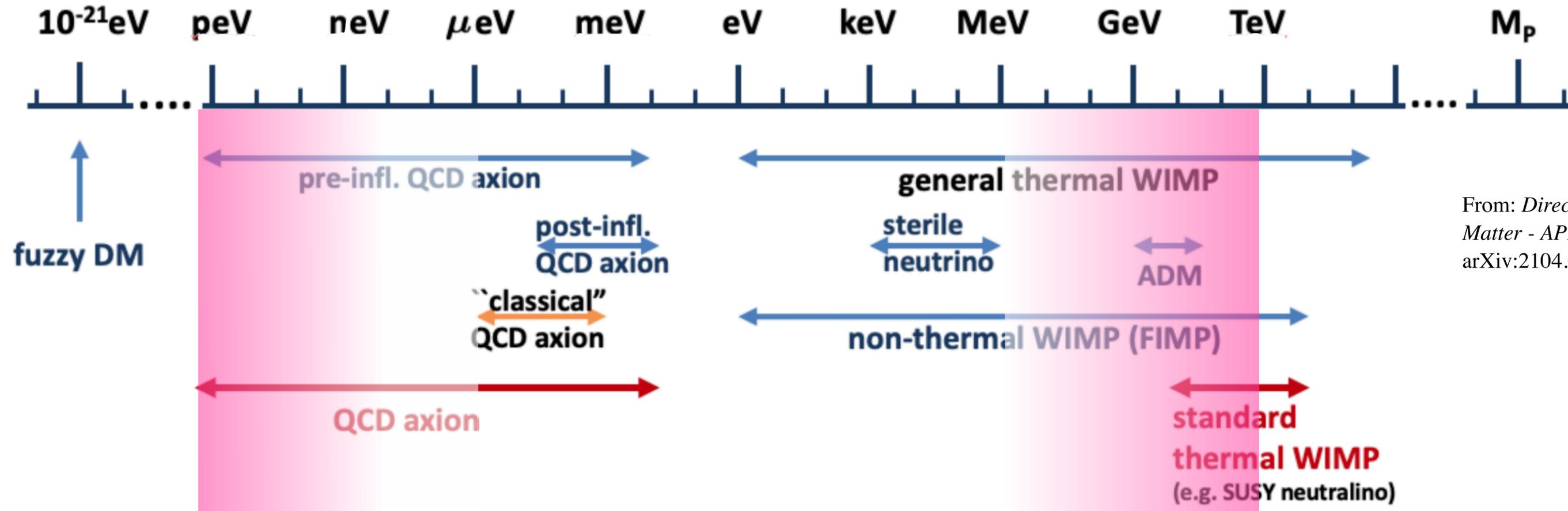
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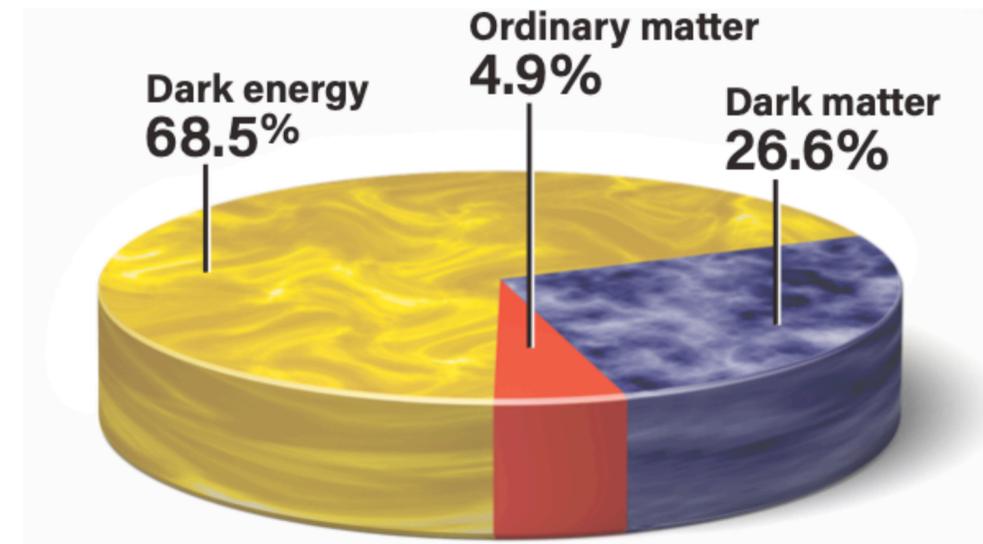


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Experimental efforts

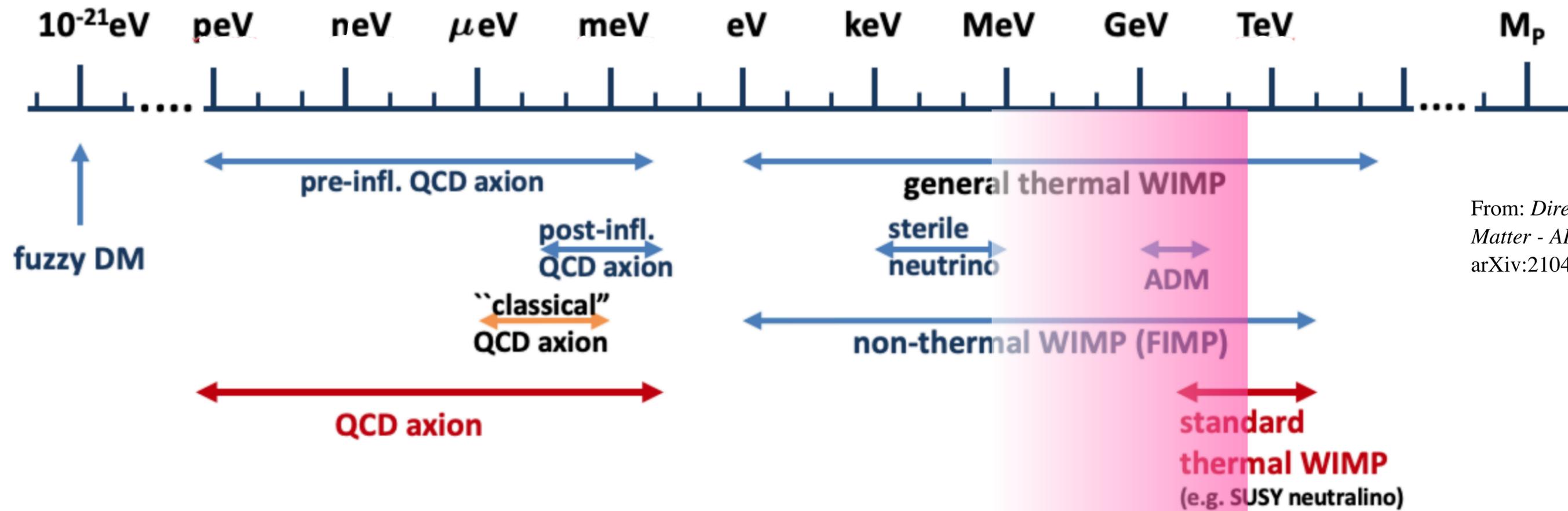
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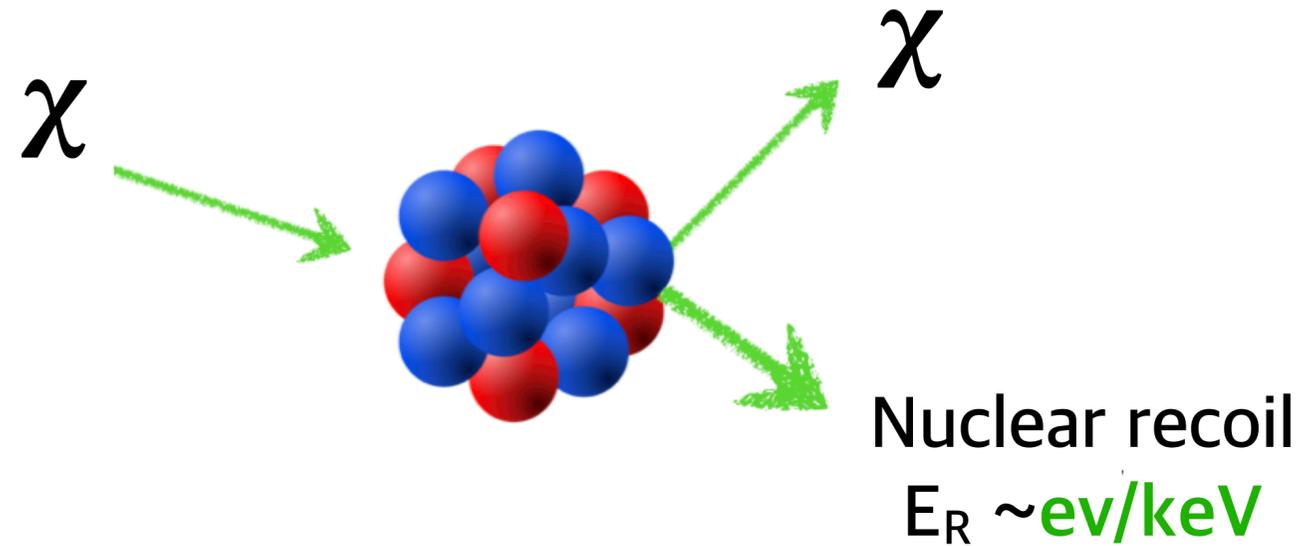
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WIMP-like

(Weakly Interacting Massive Particles)

HOW TO LOOK FOR DM

LOW ENERGY SEARCHES



- > Elastic and coherent scattering (spin independent)
- > Low interaction cross-section

cross-section

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{4\mu_{red}^2}{\pi} F^2(q) A^2 f^2$$

Annotations for the equation:

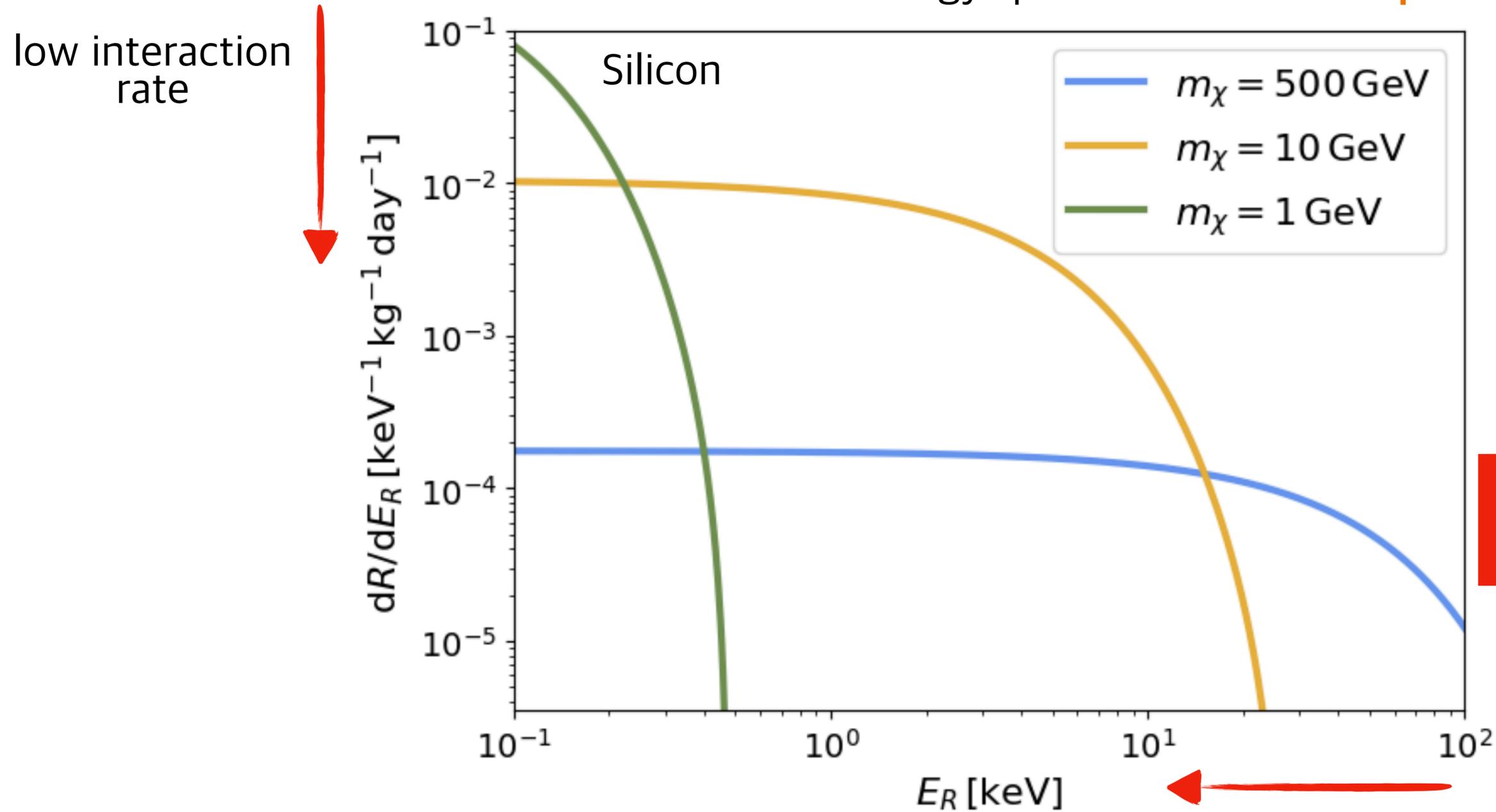
- Arrow from "cross-section" points to σ_0 .
- Arrow from "Effective coupling" points to f^2 .
- Arrow from "Atomic number" points to A^2 .
- Arrow from "Nuclear Form factor" points to $F^2(q)$.

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THE DM SIGNAL

THE CHALLENGE

DM nuclear recoil energy spectrum for $\sigma = 10^{-7}$ pb



To get to $\sigma \sim 10^{-7}$ pb
for 500 GeV DM, we need 10 ton
for 1 GeV DM, we need 10 kg

CRESST EXPERIMENT

SUB-GEV DARK MATTER EXPLORER



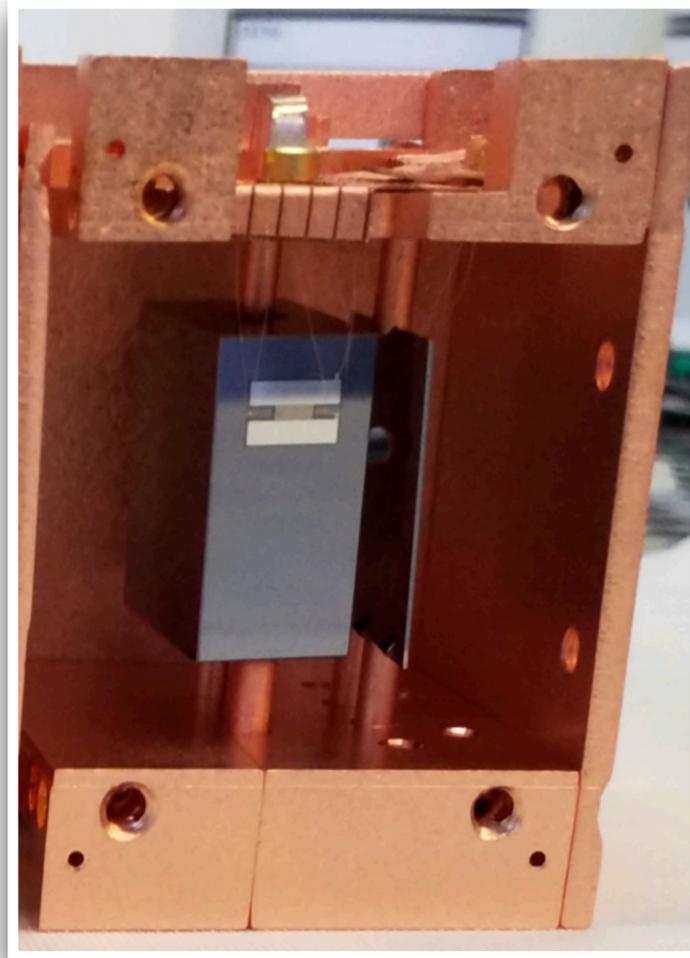
- Field driver for light-DM searches
- Low-threshold cryo-detectors
- @ underground of LNGS (3600 m w.e.)
- International collaboration (50+ members)



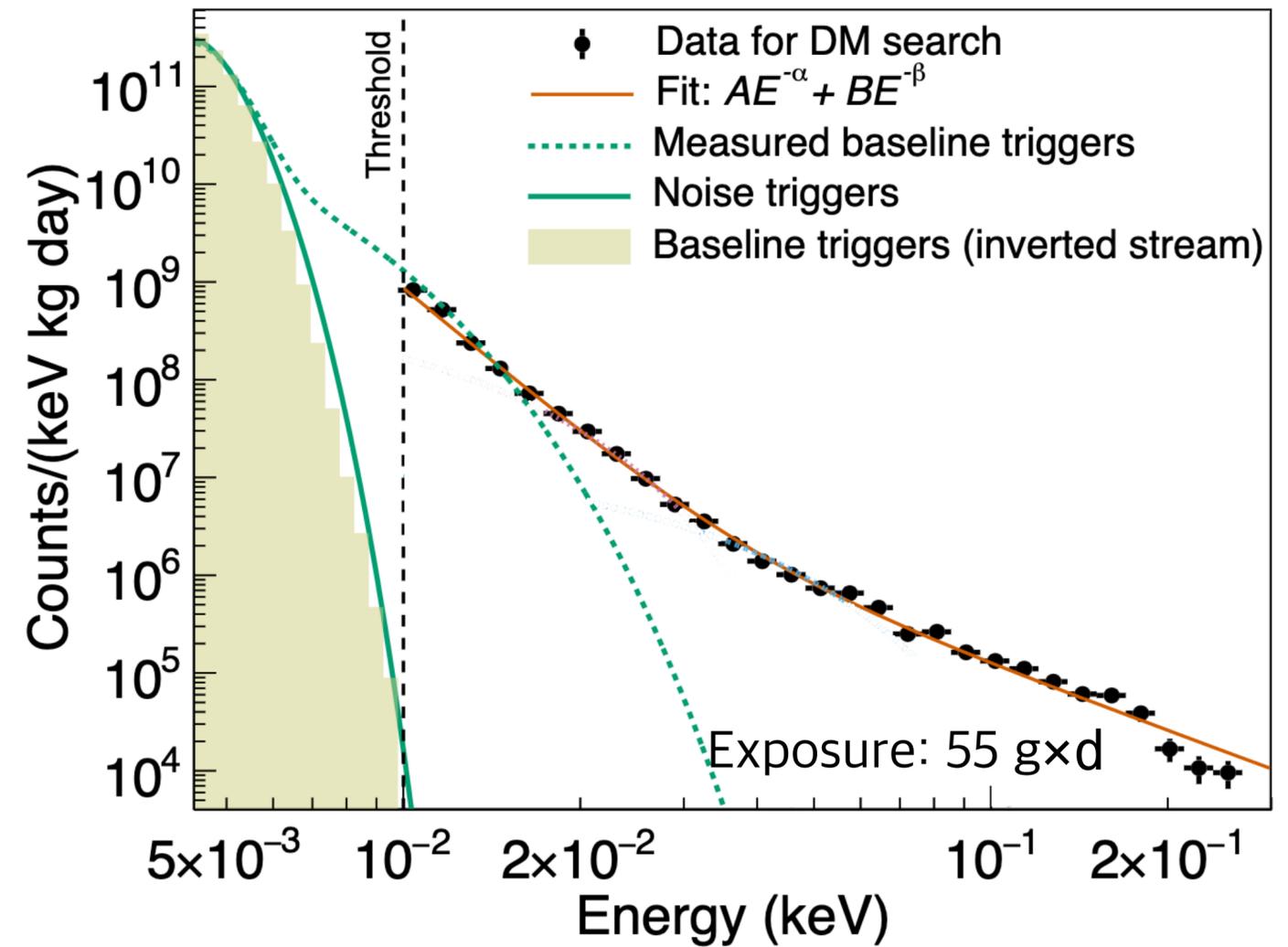
CRESST-III PHYSICS RESULTS

LEADING THE SECTOR

Si wafer detector: 0.35 g



CRESST-III background energy spectrum

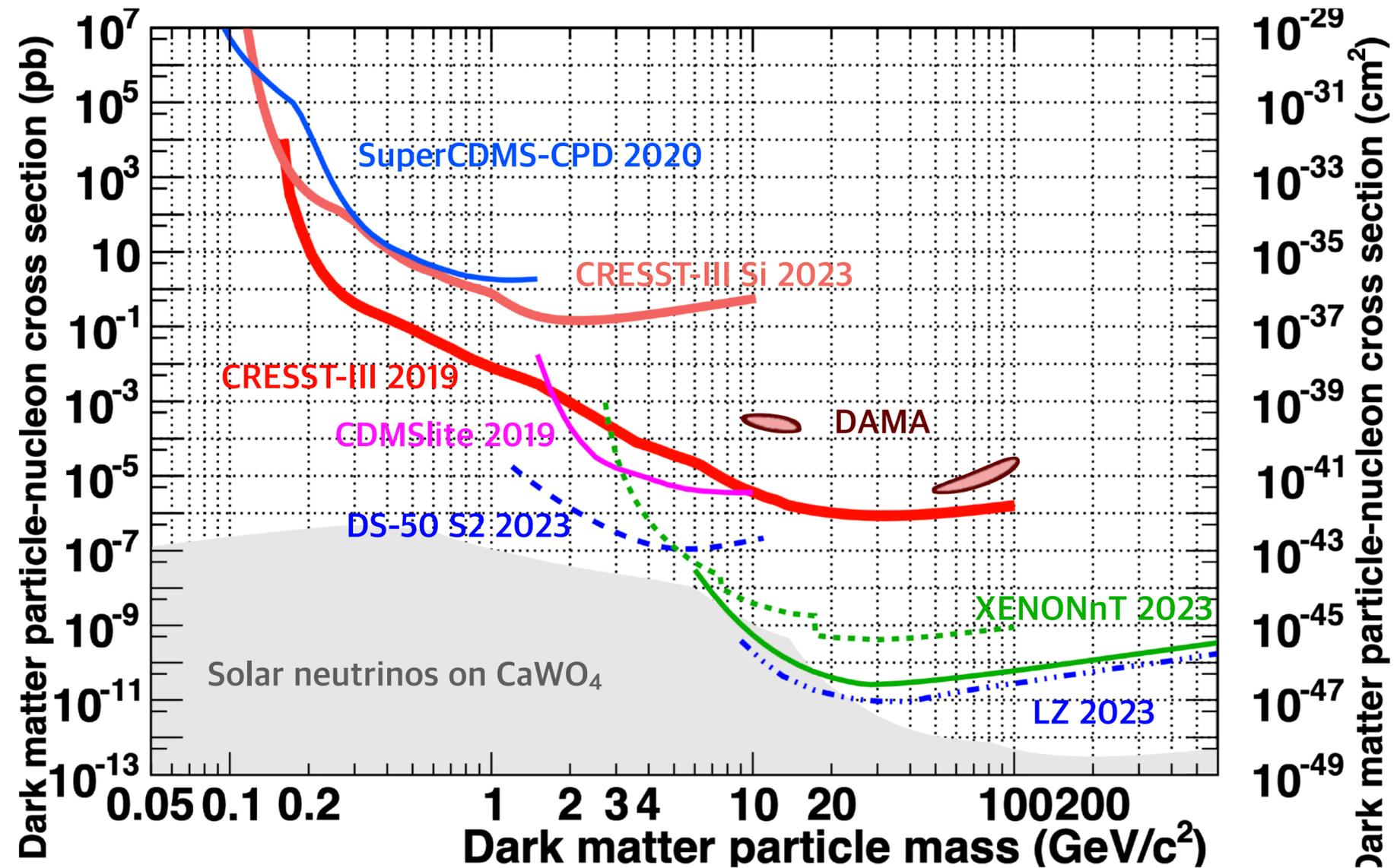


Modified from CRESST Coll., Phys. Rev. D 107, 122003 (2023)

Detector energy threshold 10 eV

CONSTRAINING DM PROPERTIES

THE LOWER, THE BETTER



CRESST leader in sub-GeV DM searches
> detector low-energy threshold

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SUPERNOVAE: COSMIC FIREWORKS

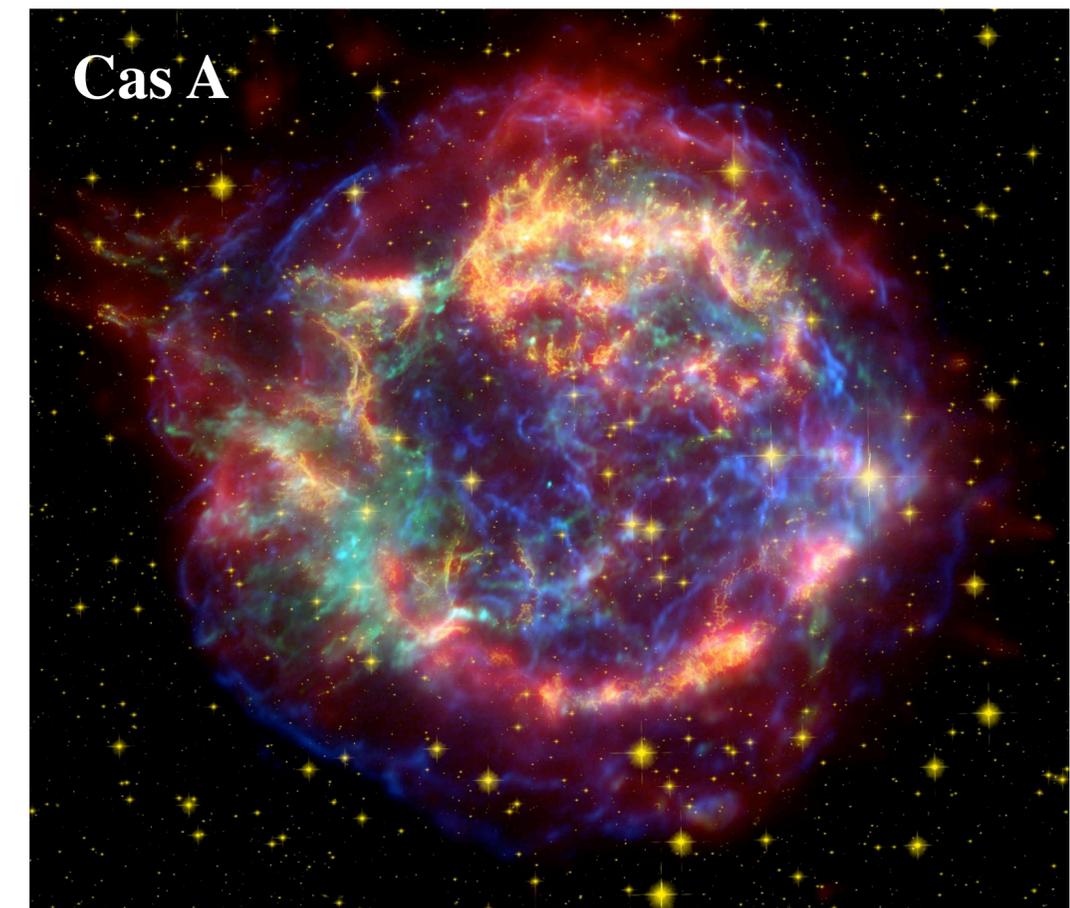
SETTING THE STAGE

Supernovae (SN): high-energy **explosions of massive stars**

Almost total star binding energy converted into **all flavor-neutrinos**
but also **GW** and **EM** radiation

Neutrinos: direct **probes** and **messengers** of SNe hidden dynamics

Rare event: **1 observation** with underground instrumentation (1987)

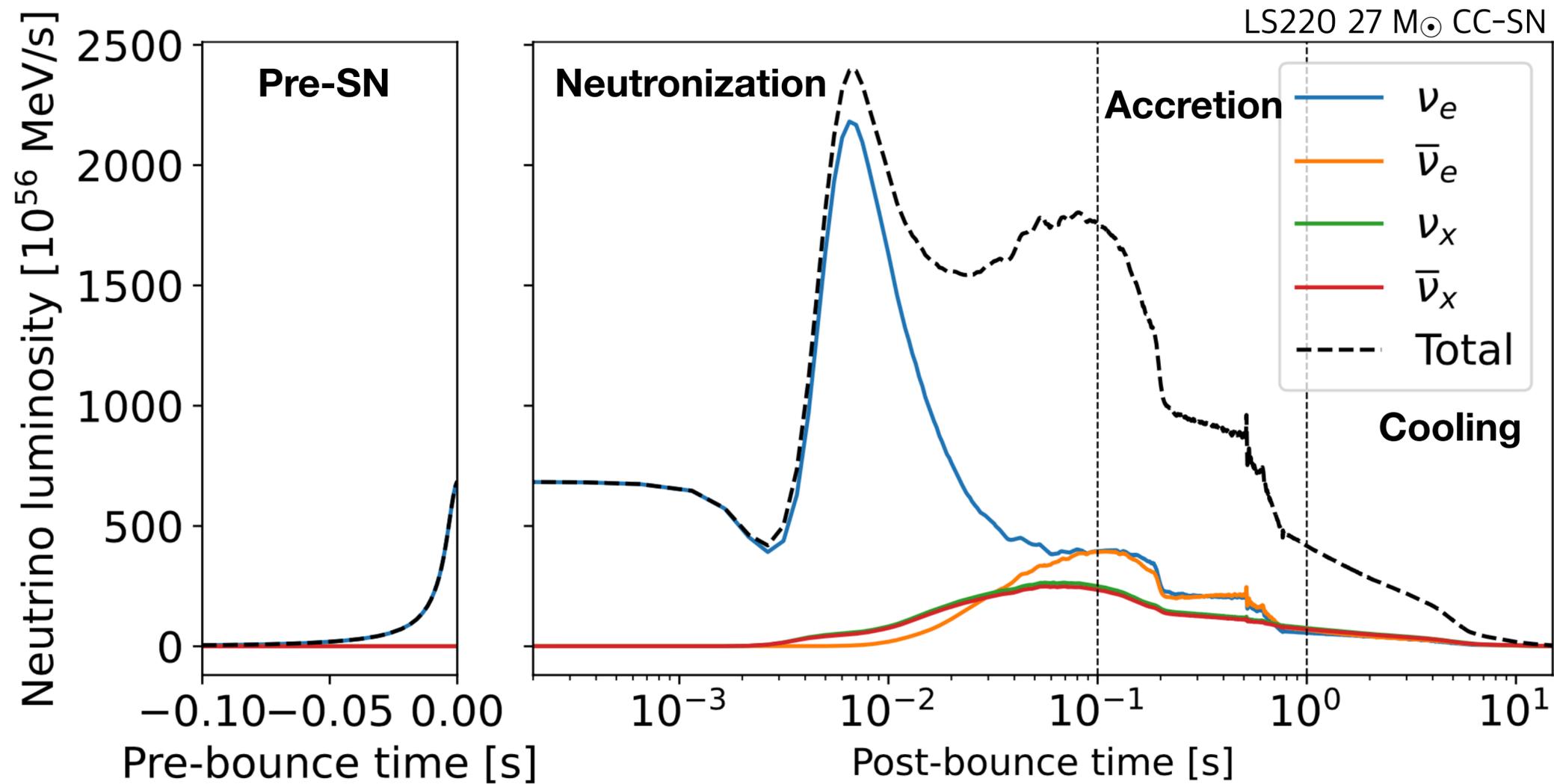


Wikipedia - Combination of images from Hubble, Spitzer e Chandra

NEUTRINOS ARE EMITTED AT ALL TIMES

UNIQUE NEUTRINO SIGNATURE

Neutrino transport simulation of a Core-Collapse SN

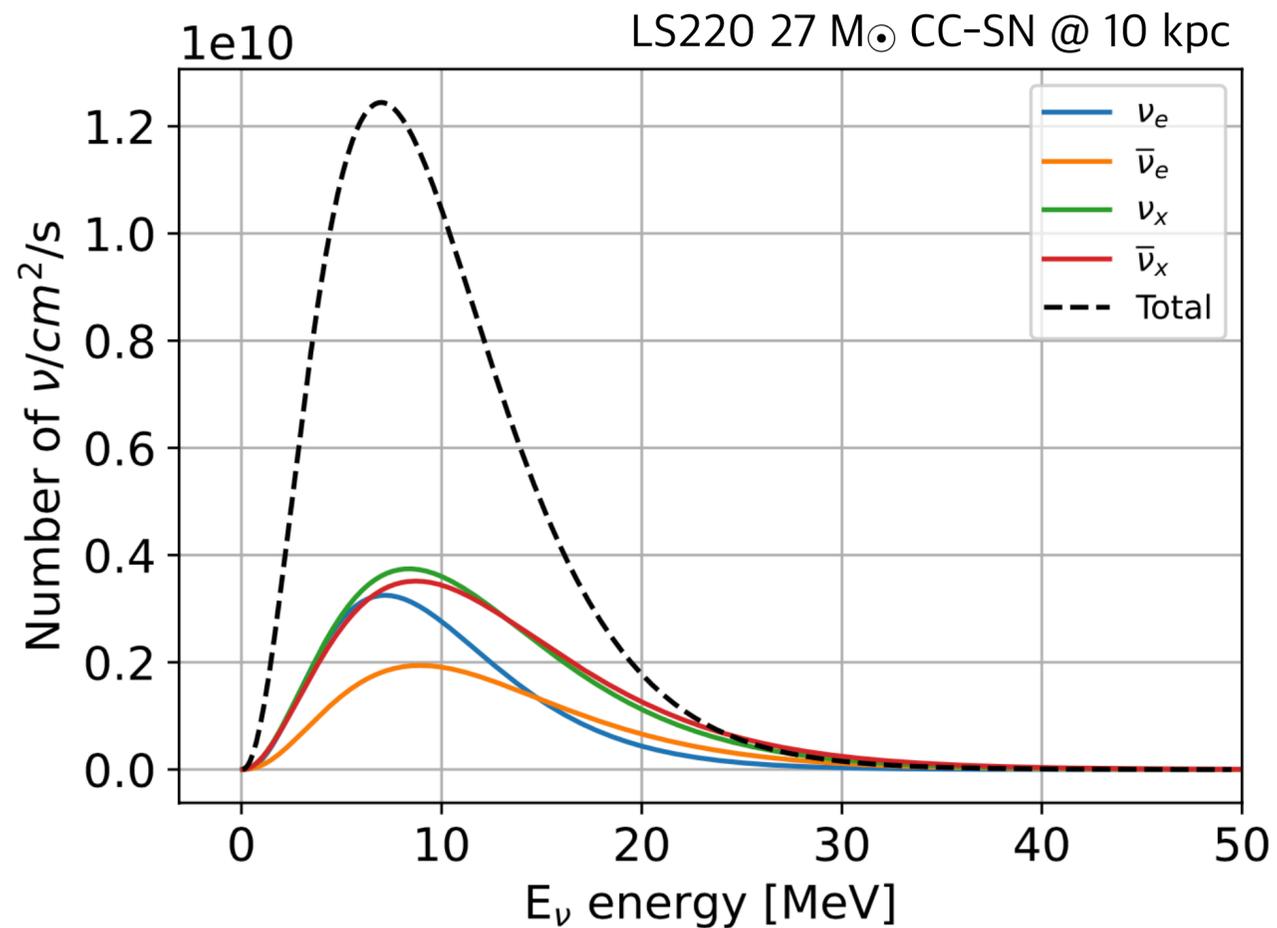


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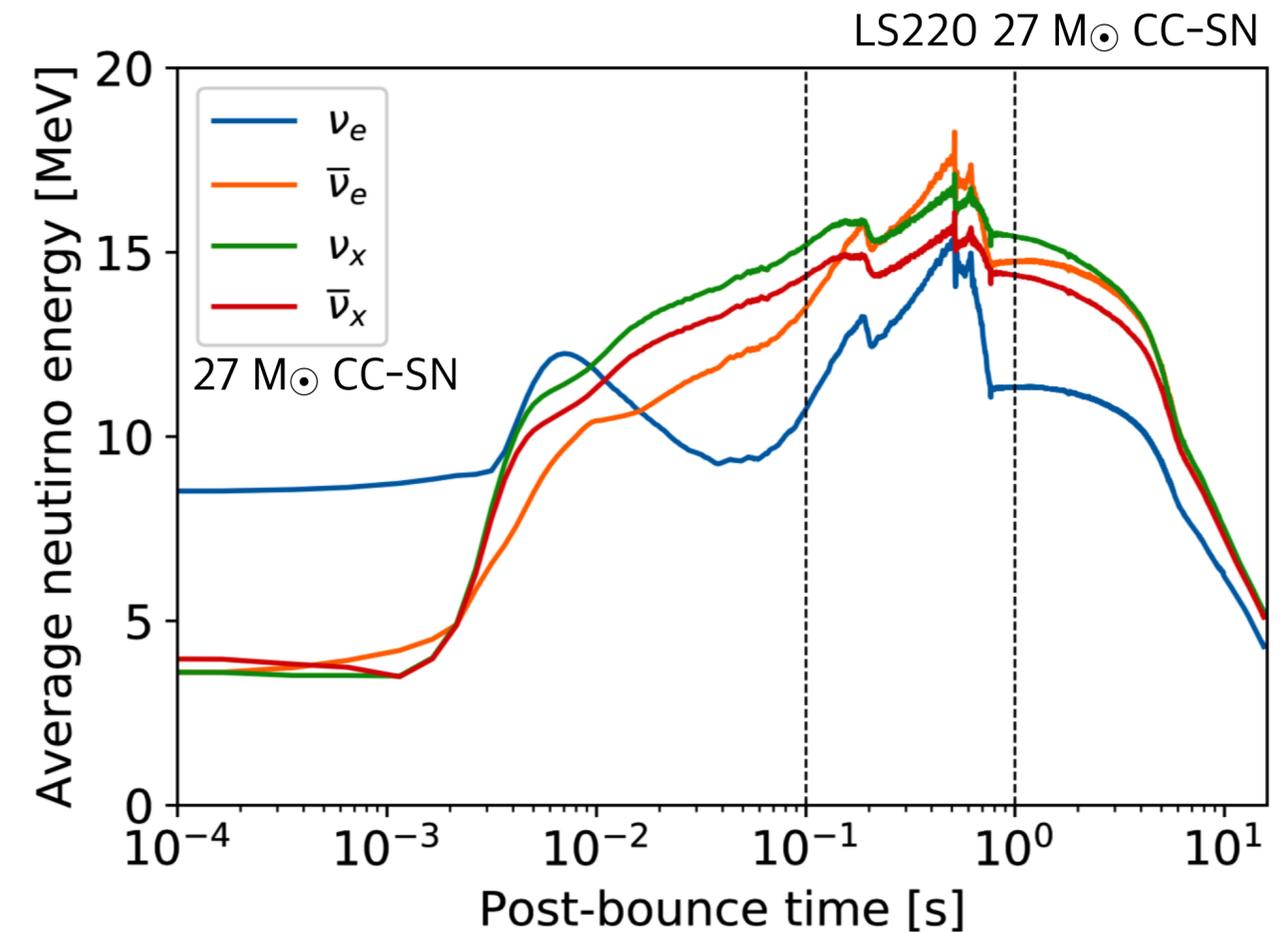
Nota Bene: neutrino flavor oscillations not included

SUPERNOVA NEUTRINO SIGNAL

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE NEUTRINO ENERGY?



ν_x is the most **intense** component of the flux

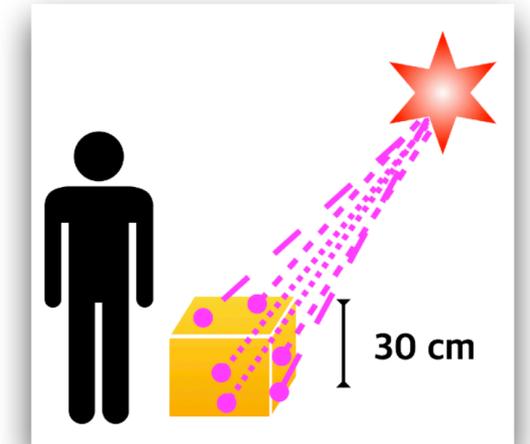
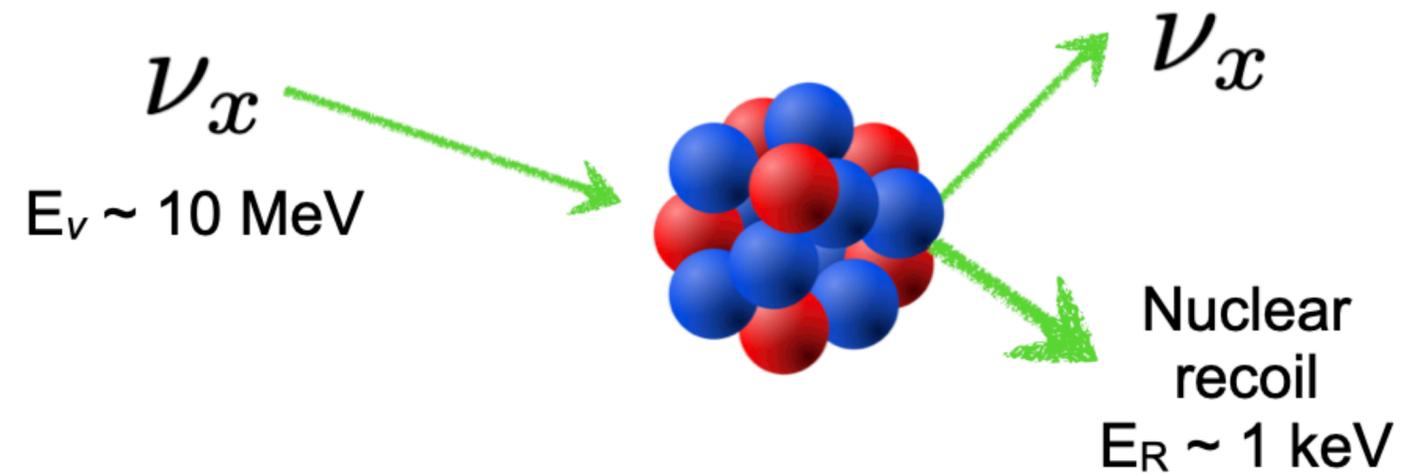


ν_x is the most **energetic** component of the flux

Current SN neutrino detectors are mostly sensitive to anti- ν_e/ν_e

ALL NEUTRINO FLAVORS ARE DETECTED

COHERENT NEUTRINO-NUCLEUS SCATTERING



- > Equally sensitive to all ν -flavors
- > High interaction cross-section

$$\sigma_{CE\nu NS} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} F^2(q^2) E_\nu^2 Q_W^2$$

cross-section

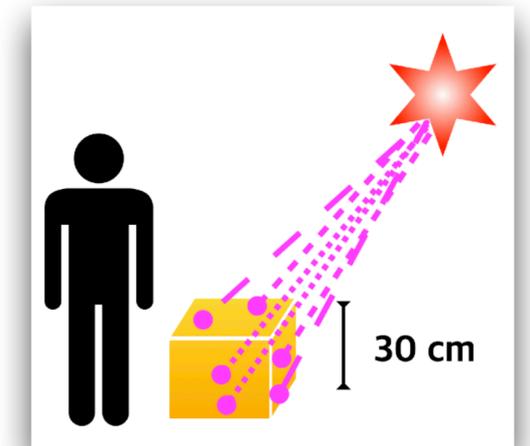
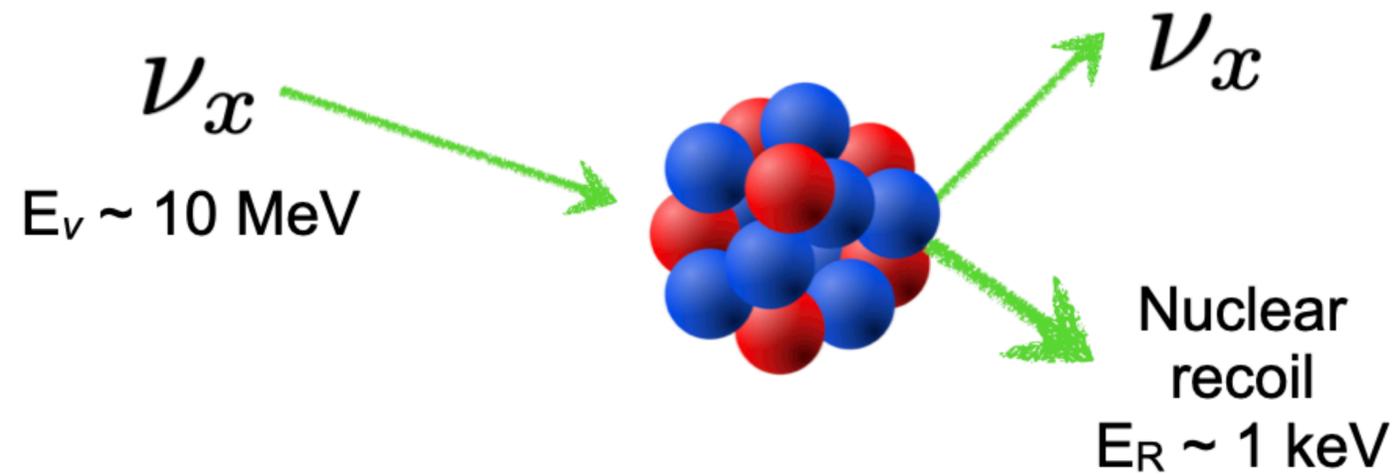
Nuclear Form factor

Neutrino energy

Weak nuclear charge

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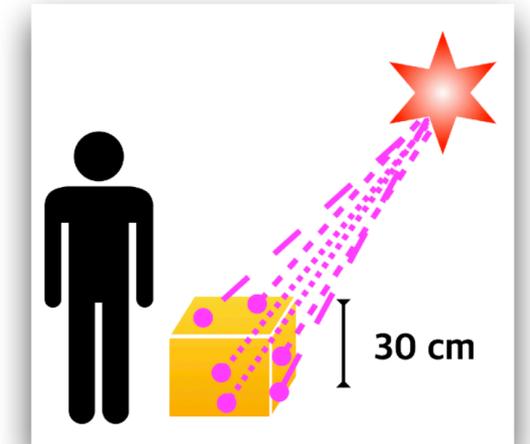
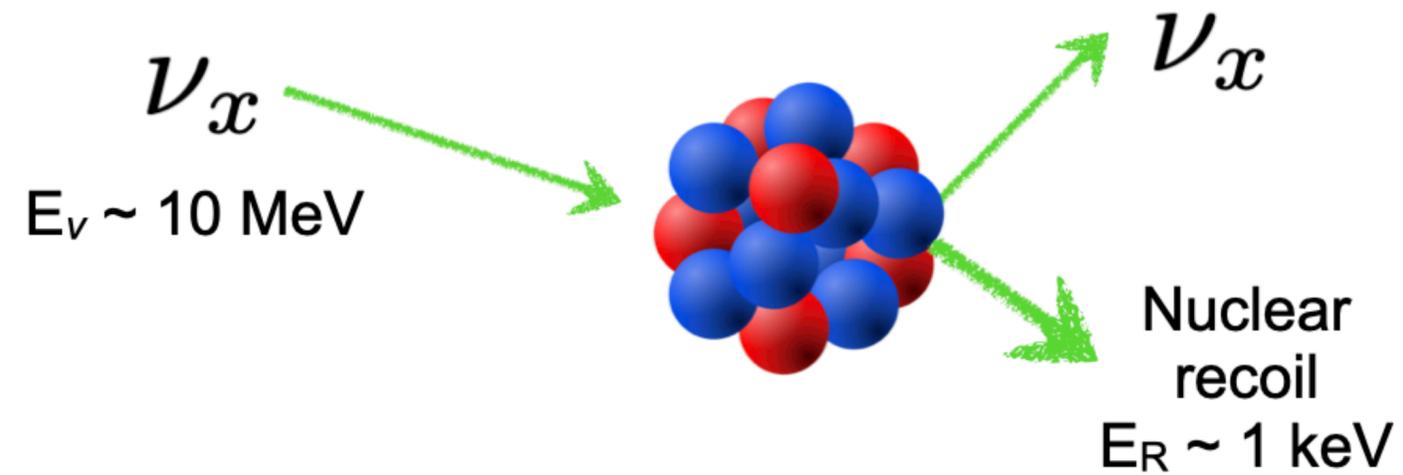
cross-section Nuclear Form factor Neutrino energy Weak nuclear charge

$$Q_W = N - Z \overbrace{(1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W)}^{\sim 5\%}$$

* Spin 0 interaction

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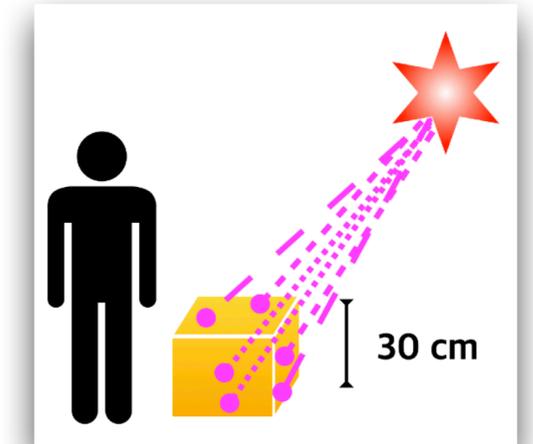
Neutron number

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Pb ideal target

Highest neutron number

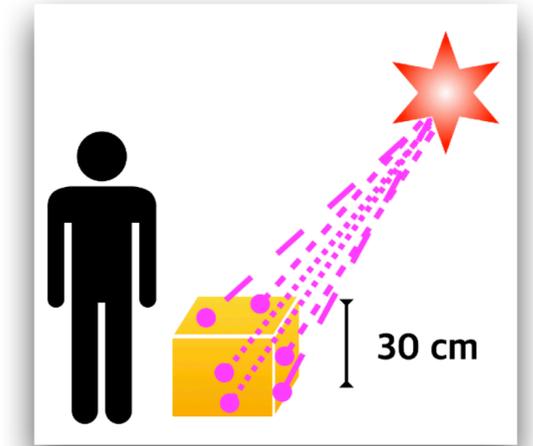
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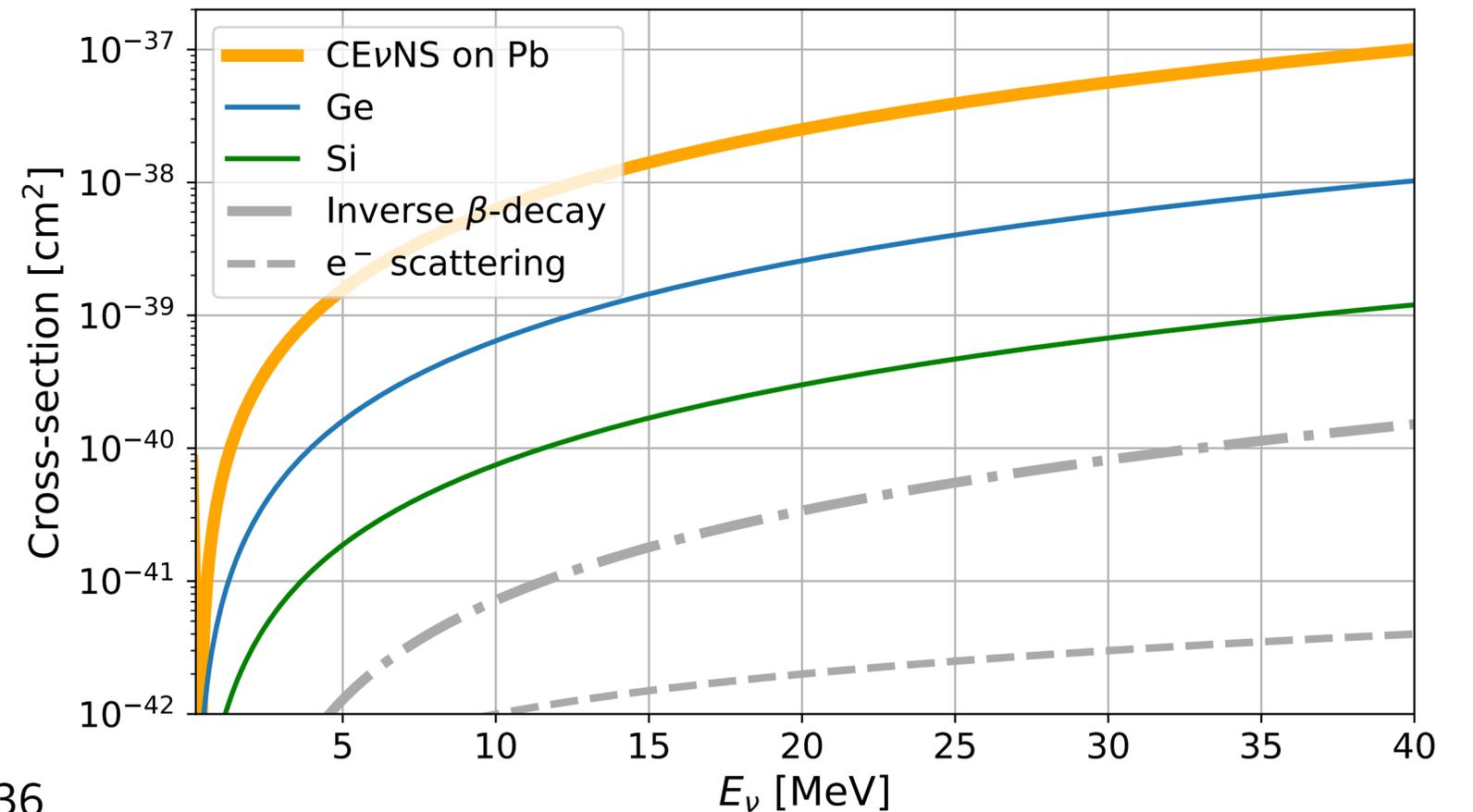
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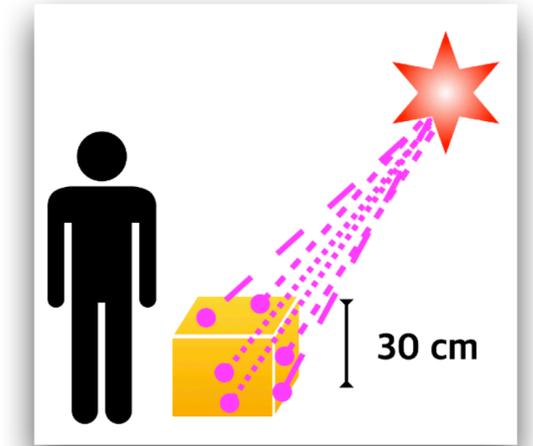


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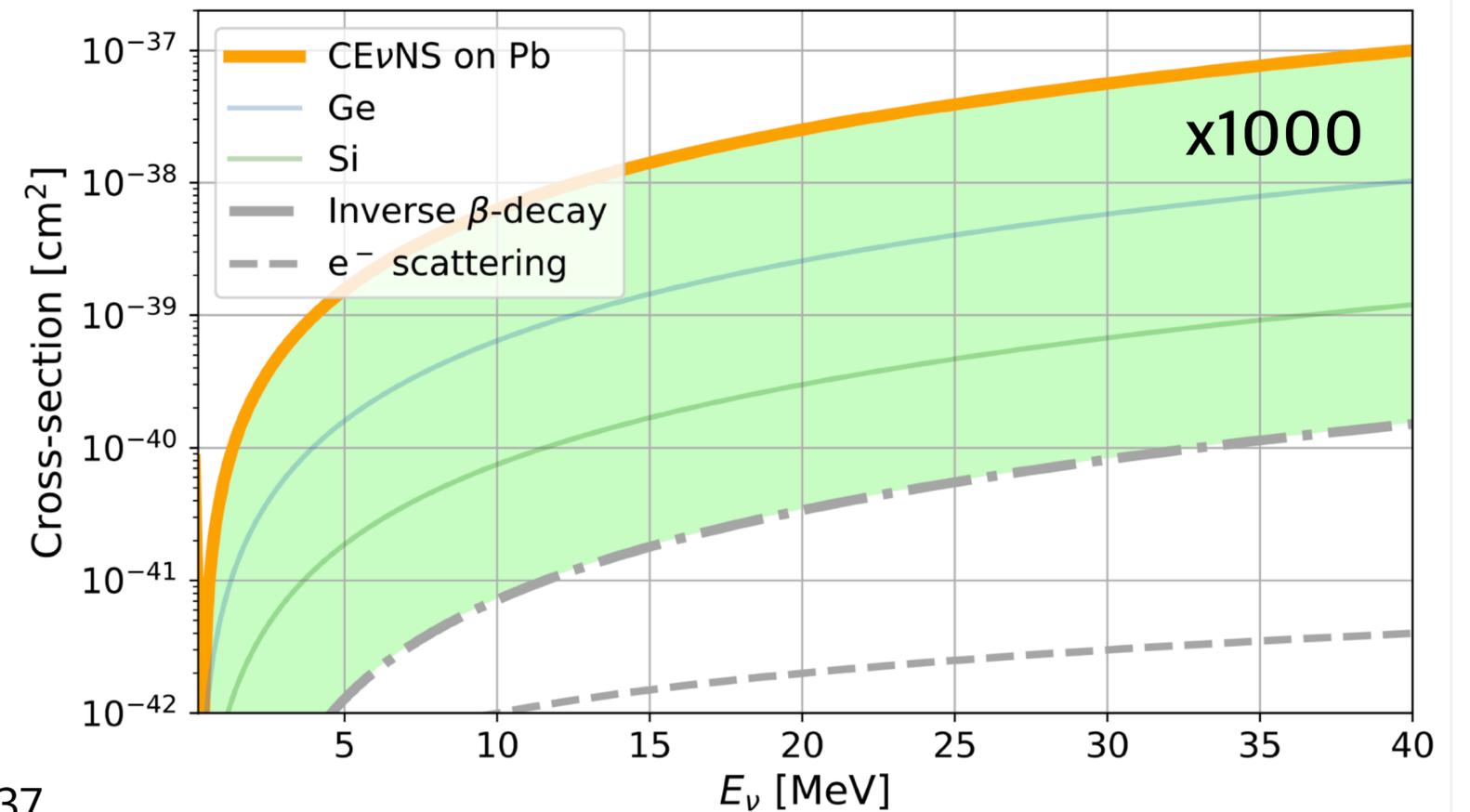
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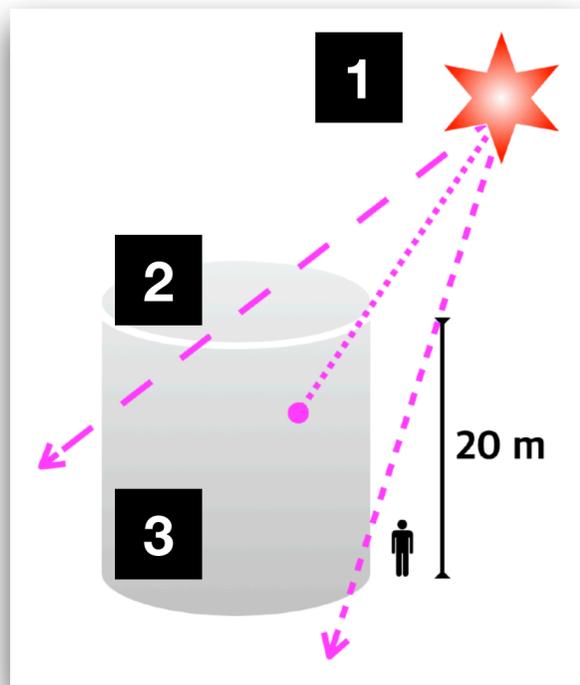
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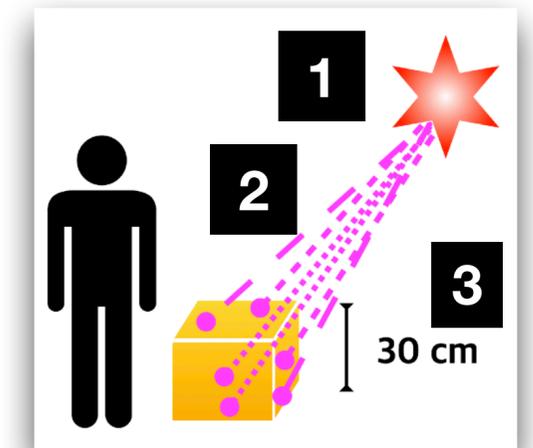
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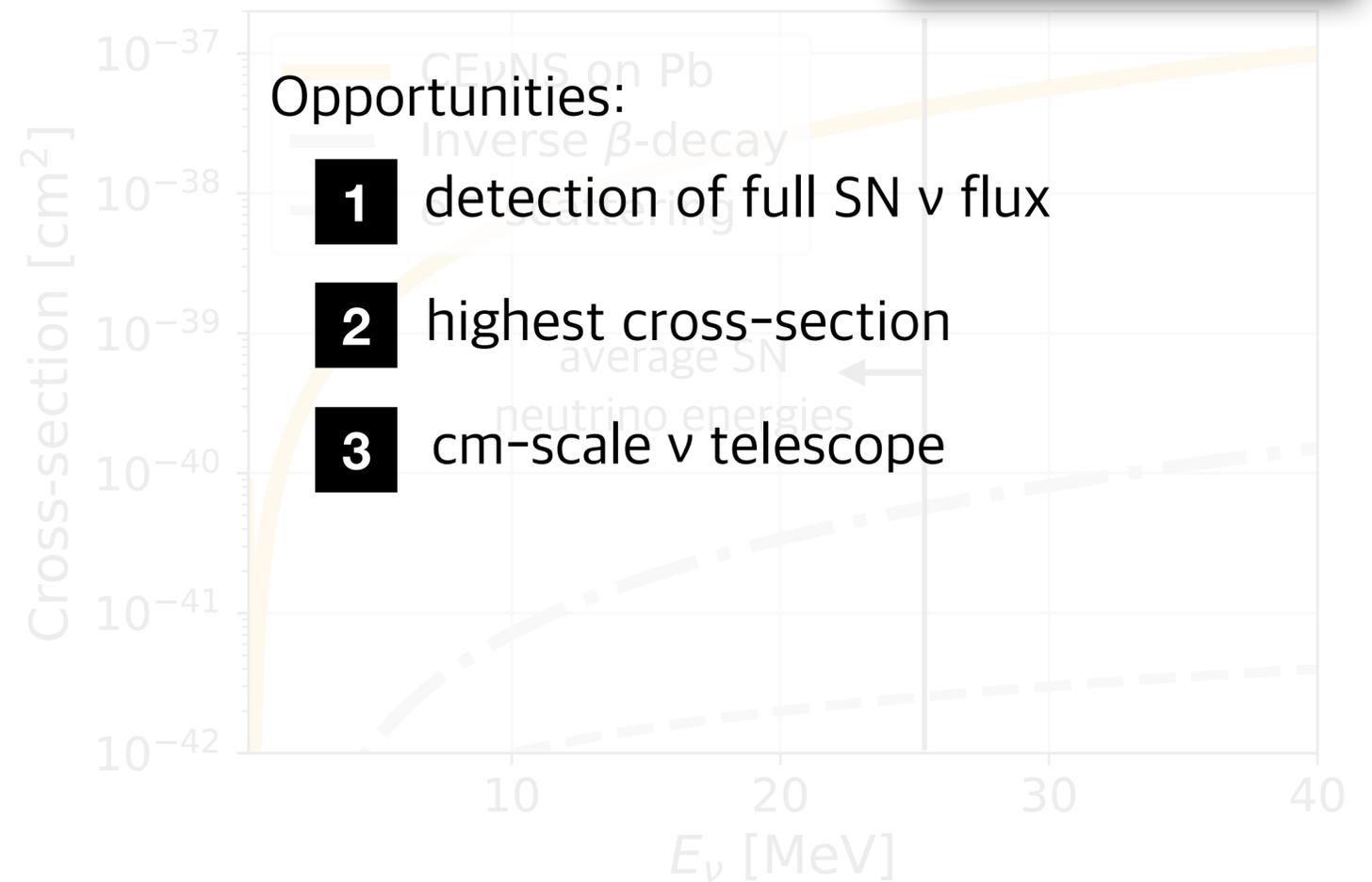
N^2
Neutron number

Status quo:

- 1** detection of $\sim 1/6$ SN flux
- 2** small cross-section
- 3** large volume detectors

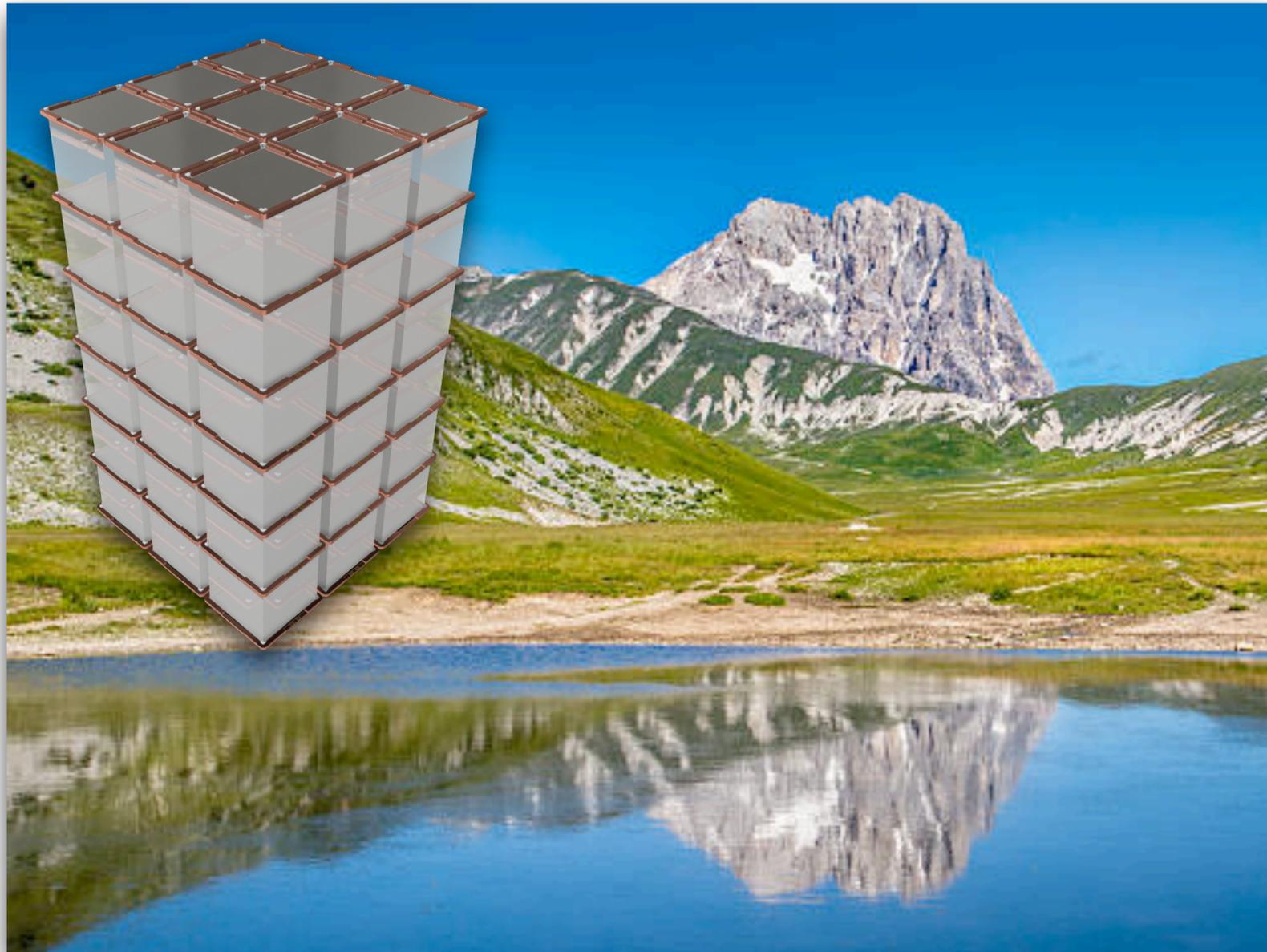


Pb ideal target
Highest neutron number
Highest nuclear stability



RES-NOVA EXPERIMENT

"NEW THING" - A NEW WAY TO LOOK AT NEUTRINOS

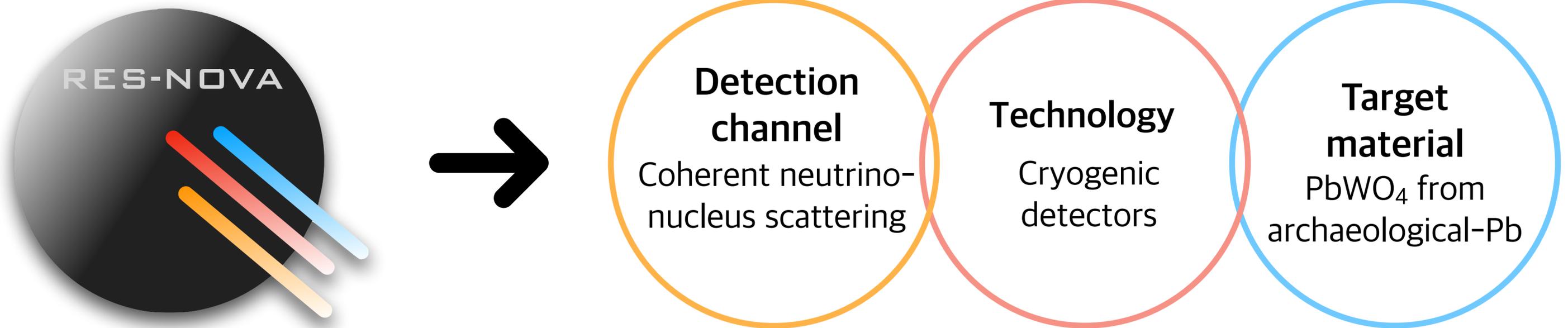


- Ultra-low background cryo detectors
- Low-energy neutrino observatory
- International Group of Interest (40+ members)



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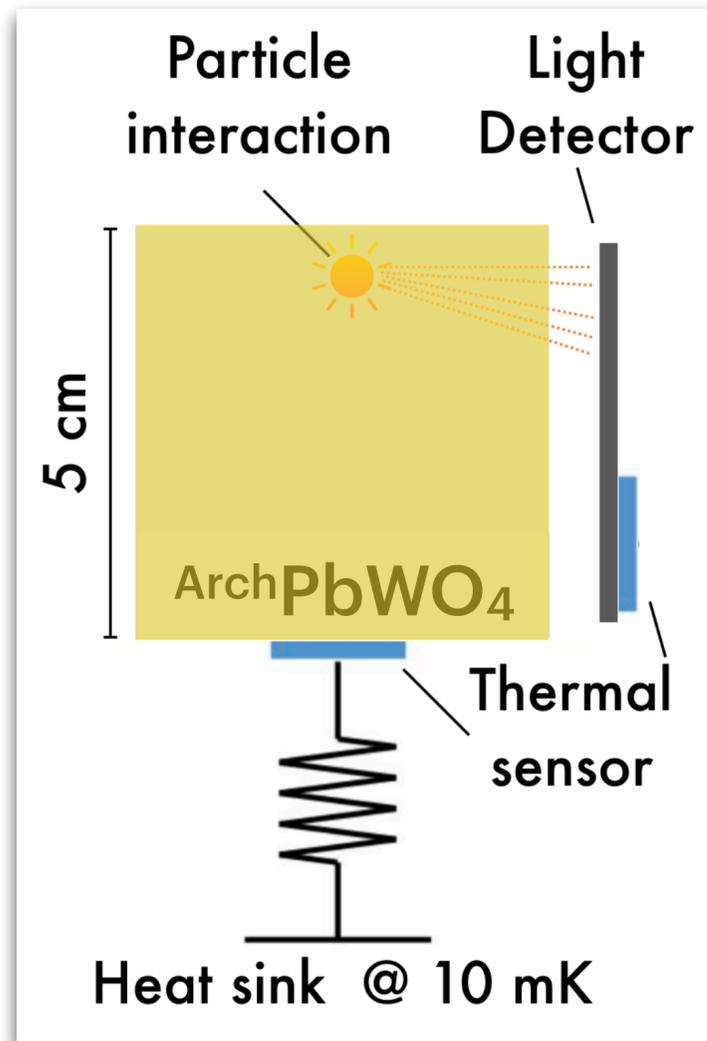
INNOVATIVE EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH



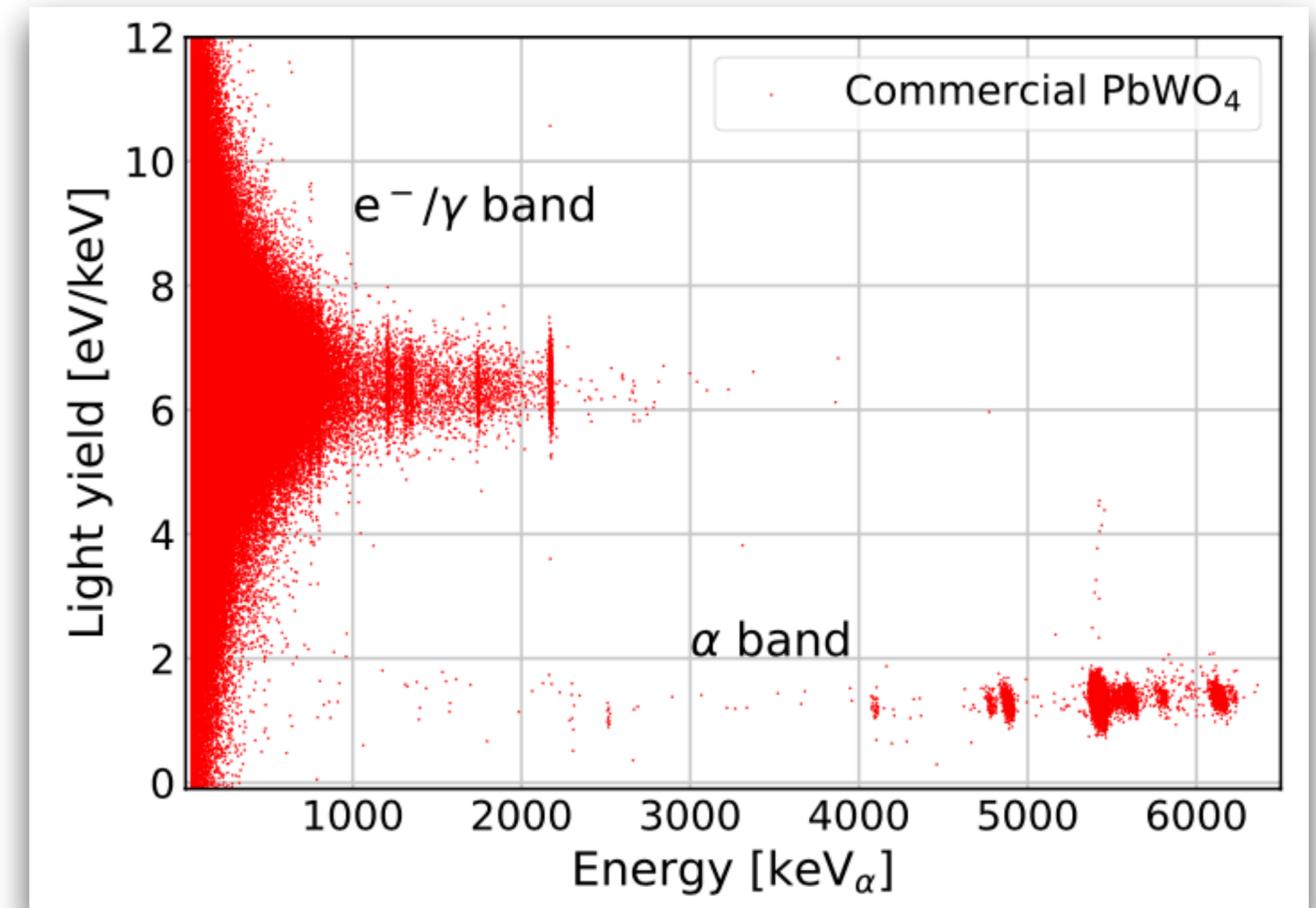
RES-NOVA DETECTOR TECHNOLOGY

ADVANCED CRYOGENIC DETECTORS

Cryogenic calorimeters made from Pb



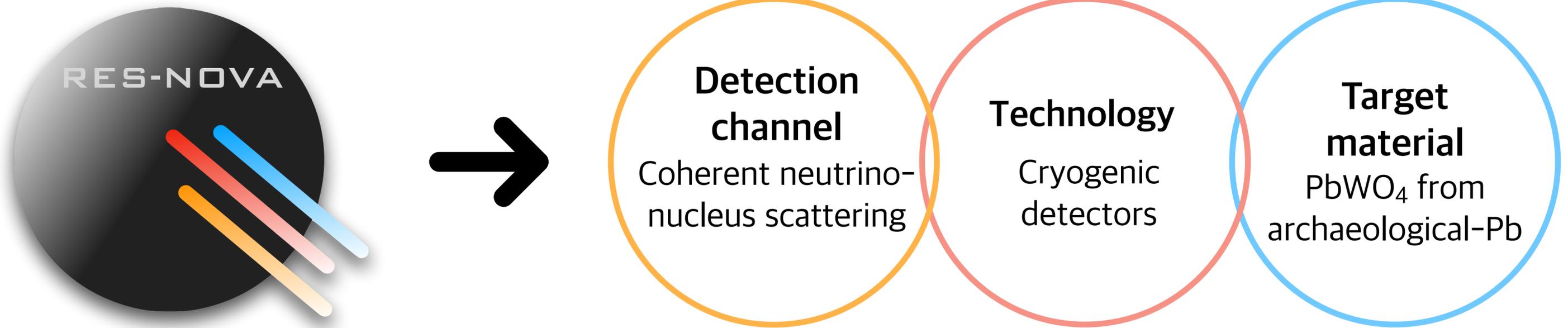
Cryogenic measurement of commercial PbWO₄



J.W. Beeman, **LP** et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 49, 50 (2013)

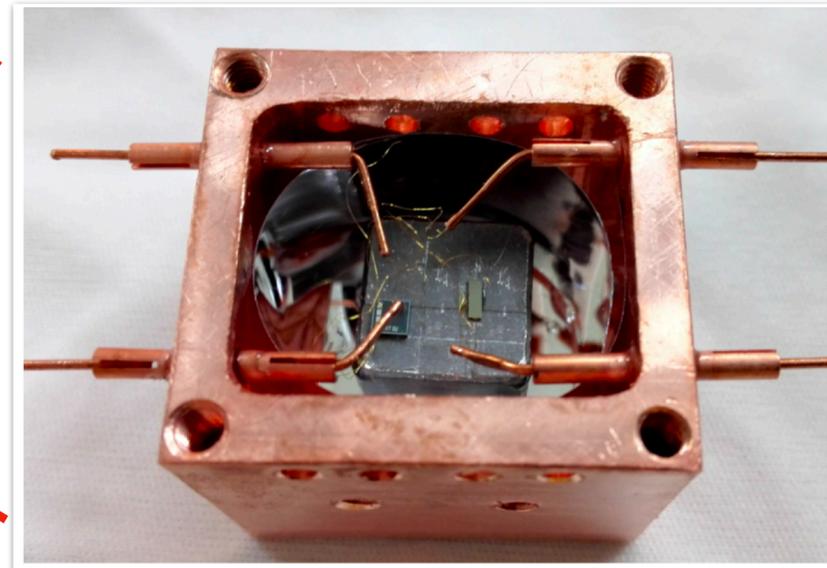
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CRYOGENIC DETECTORS BUILT FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL Pb

taken from N. Nosengo (2010)



Archaeological Roman Pb:

- ★ from underwater shipwreck
- ★ 2000 years old

Archaeo-Pb cryogenic detector

High radiopurity: $< 1 \text{ mBq/kg}$

**$\times 10^4$ better than commercial
low-background Pb**

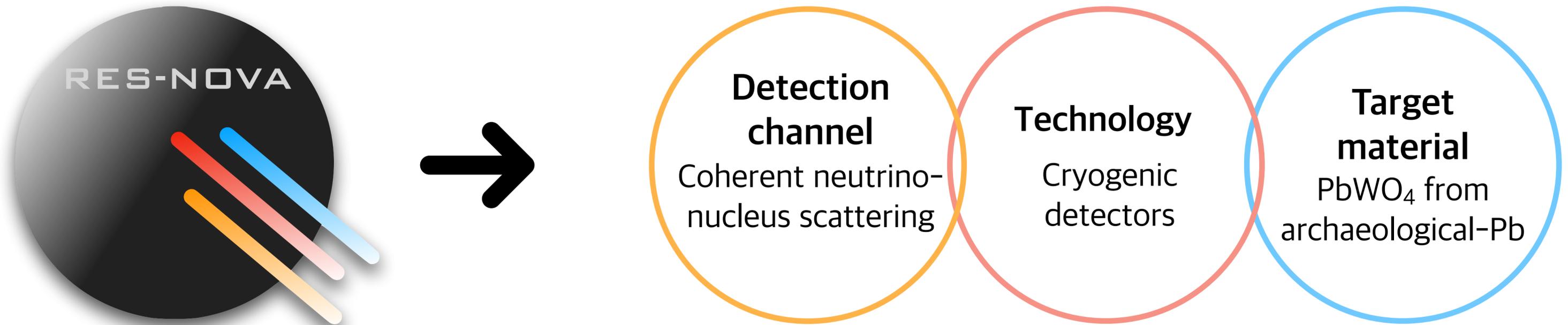
Several tons of ArchPb available

L. Pattavina et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 55, 127 (2019)



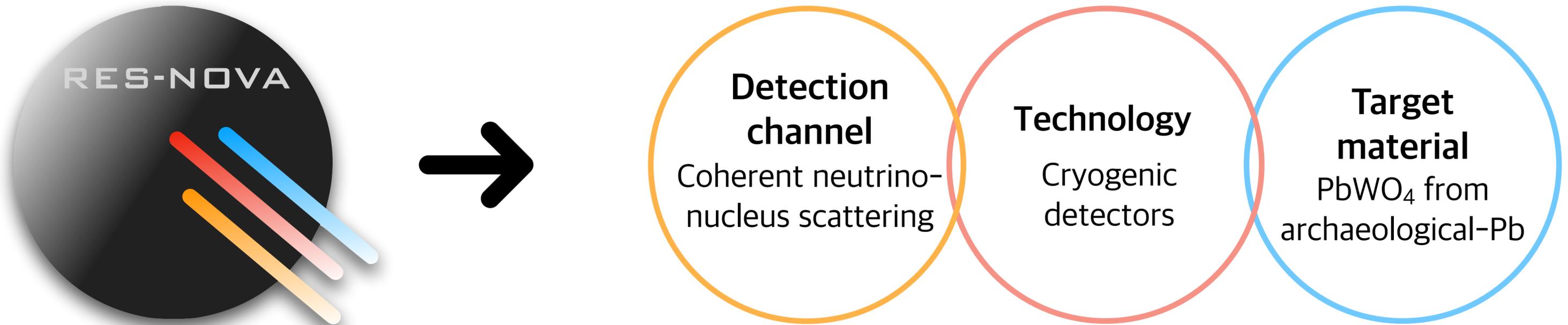
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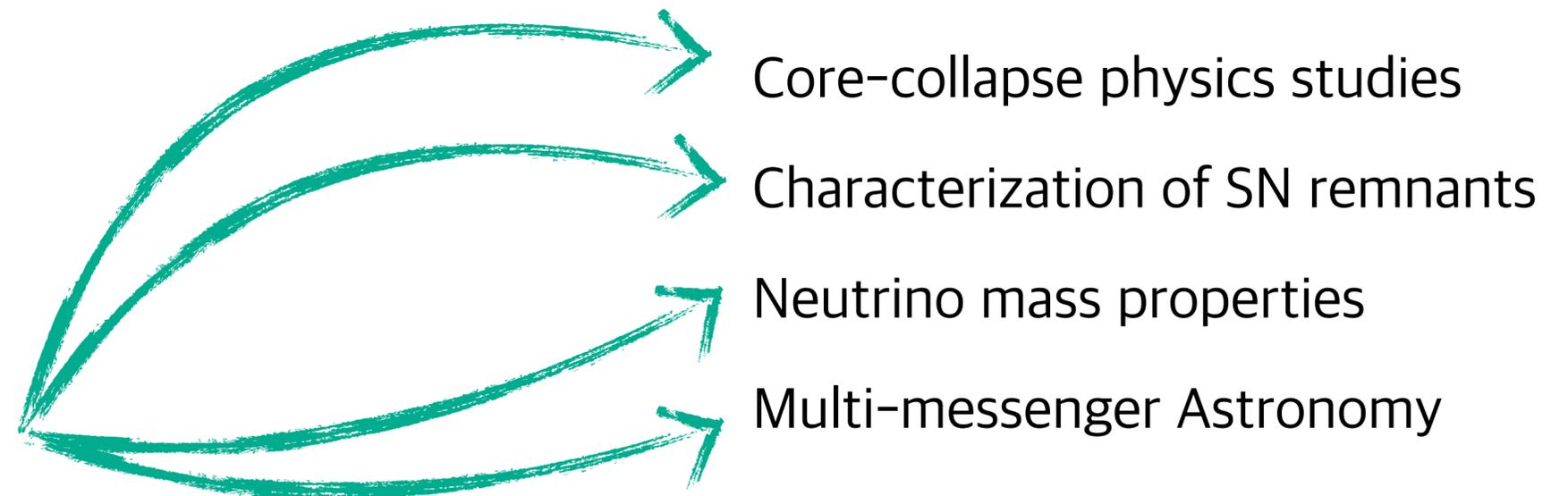
Galactic SN neutrino signal:

Water Cherenkov (SuperK): 0.2 ev./m³

Liquid Scintillator (SNO+): 0.4 ev./m³

RES-NOVA: ~200 ev./m³

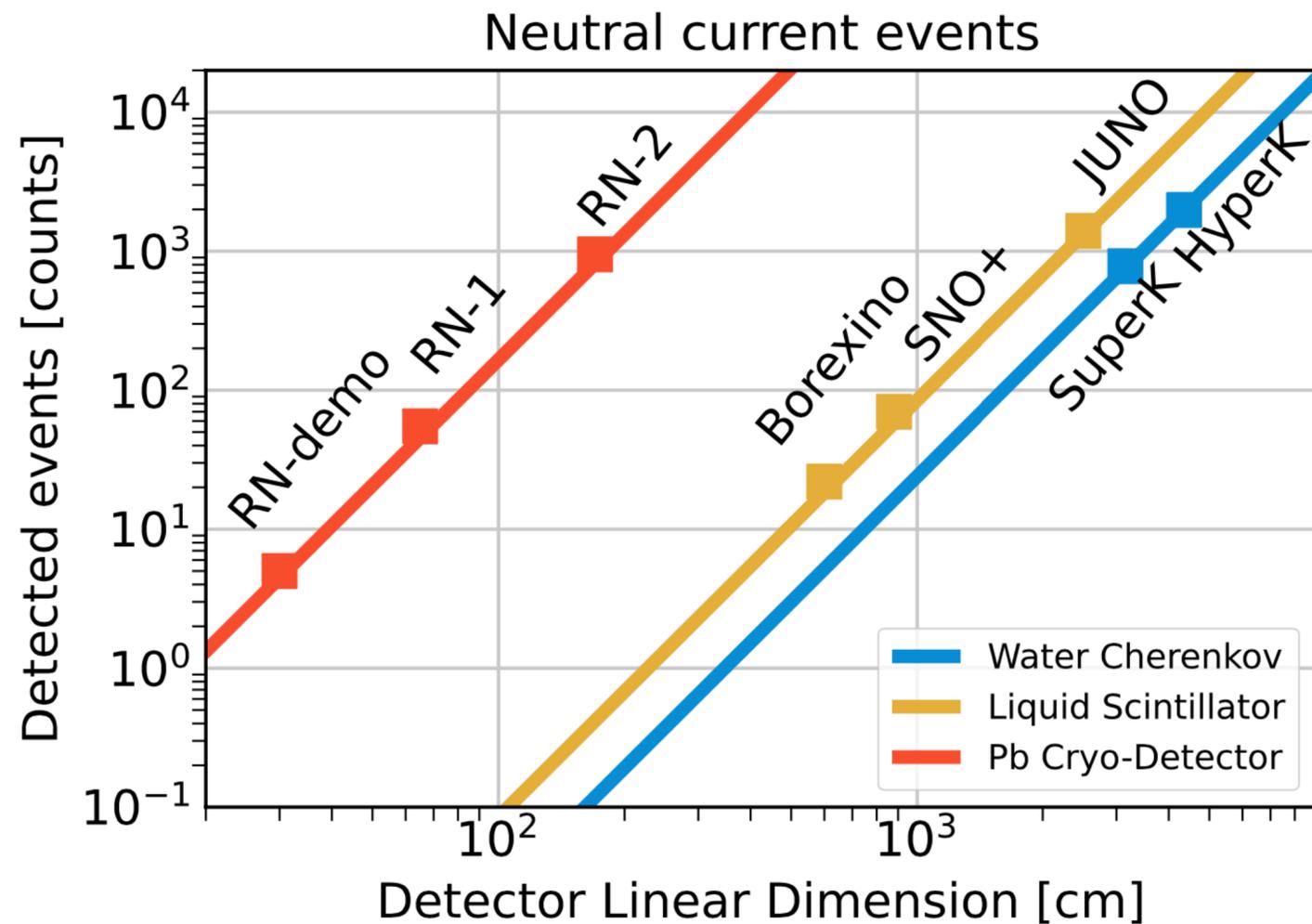
What can we learn?



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NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY AT THE CM-SCALE

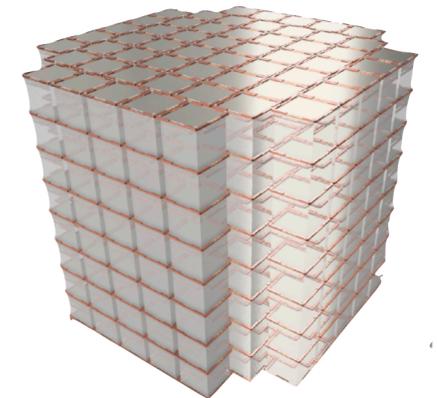
AN ARRAY OF PbWO_4 CRYSTALS



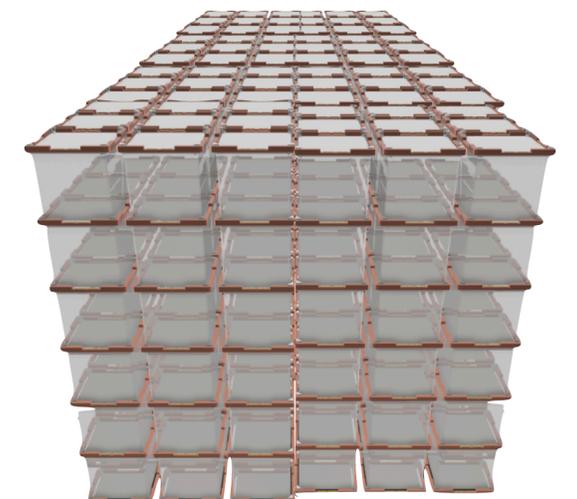
Size: $(30 \text{ cm})^3$
 Threshold: 1 keV
 SN @ 10 kpc: ~10 counts



Size: $(60 \text{ cm})^3$
 Threshold: 1 keV
 SN @ 10 kpc: ~50 counts

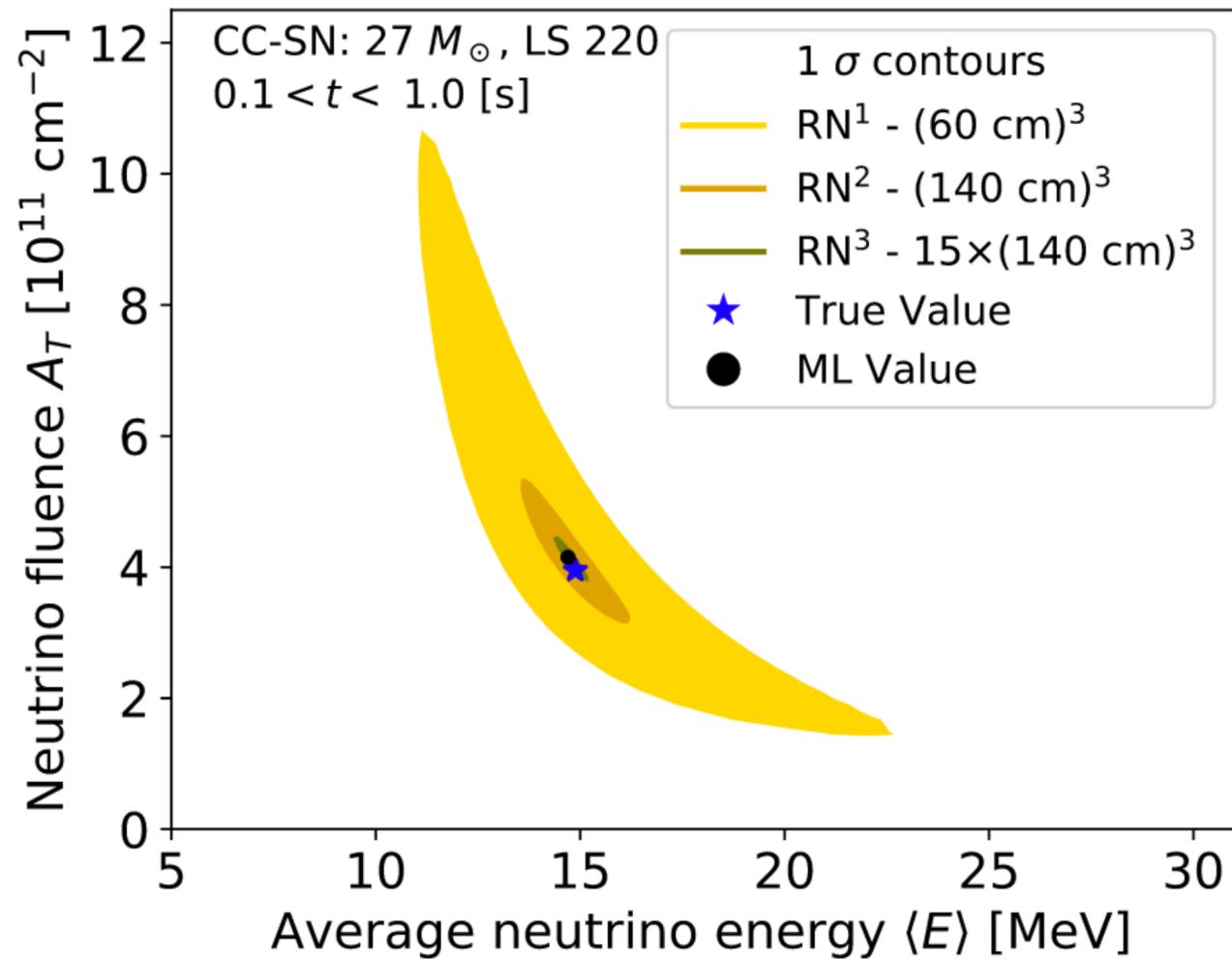


Size: $(140 \text{ cm})^3$
 Threshold: 1 keV
 SN @ 10 kpc: ~900 counts



SN ENERGY RECONSTRUCTION IN RES-NOVA

Reconstruction of A_T and $\langle E \rangle$ by likelihood analysis



$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{tot}} = 4\pi d^2 A_T \langle E \rangle$$

Neutrino fluence

Average neutrino energy

Precision in total SN energy reconstruction

$\nu_x/\text{anti-}\nu_x$

$\nu_e/\text{anti-}\nu_e$

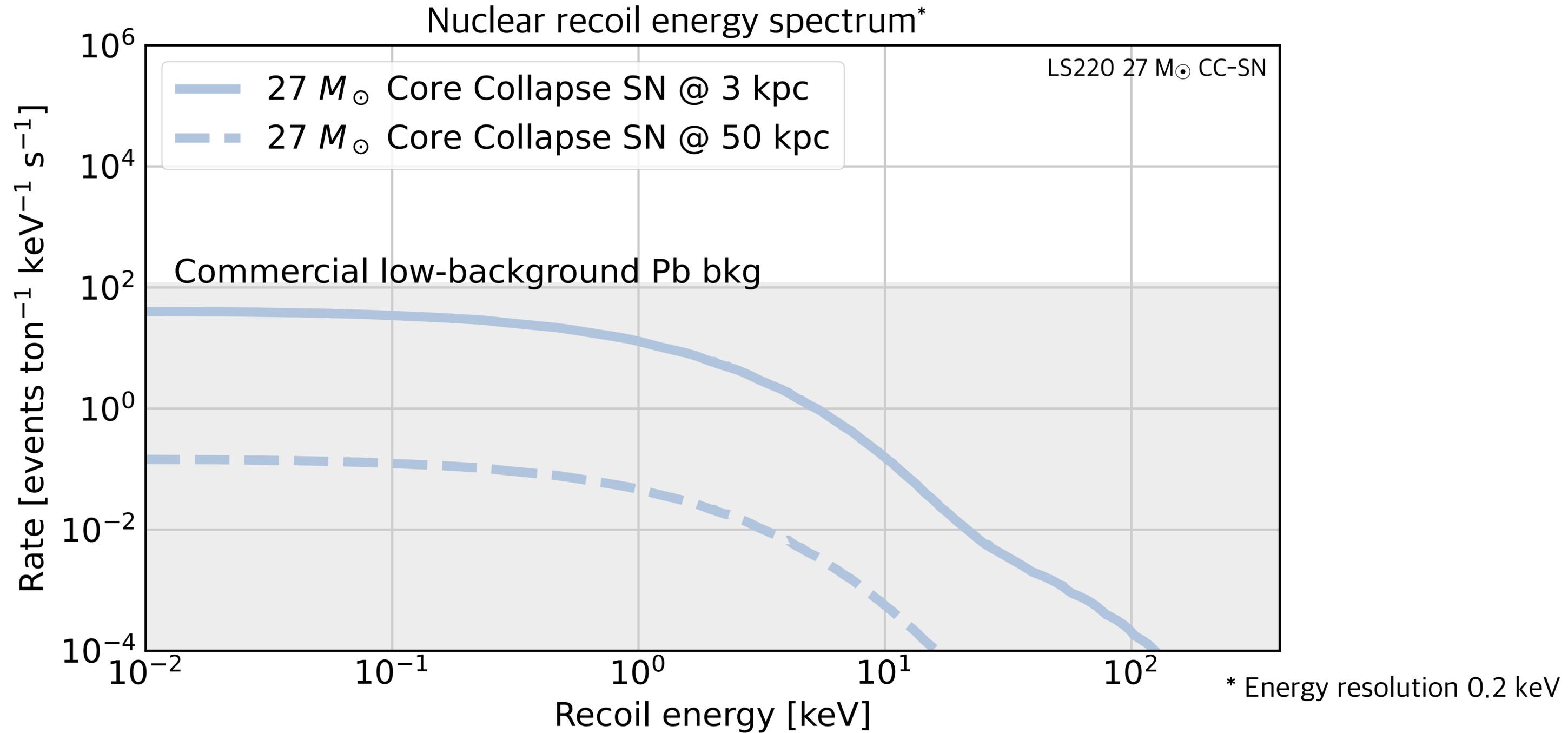
RN-1	30%
RN-2	8%
RN-3	4%

SK-Gd (IBD) 25%

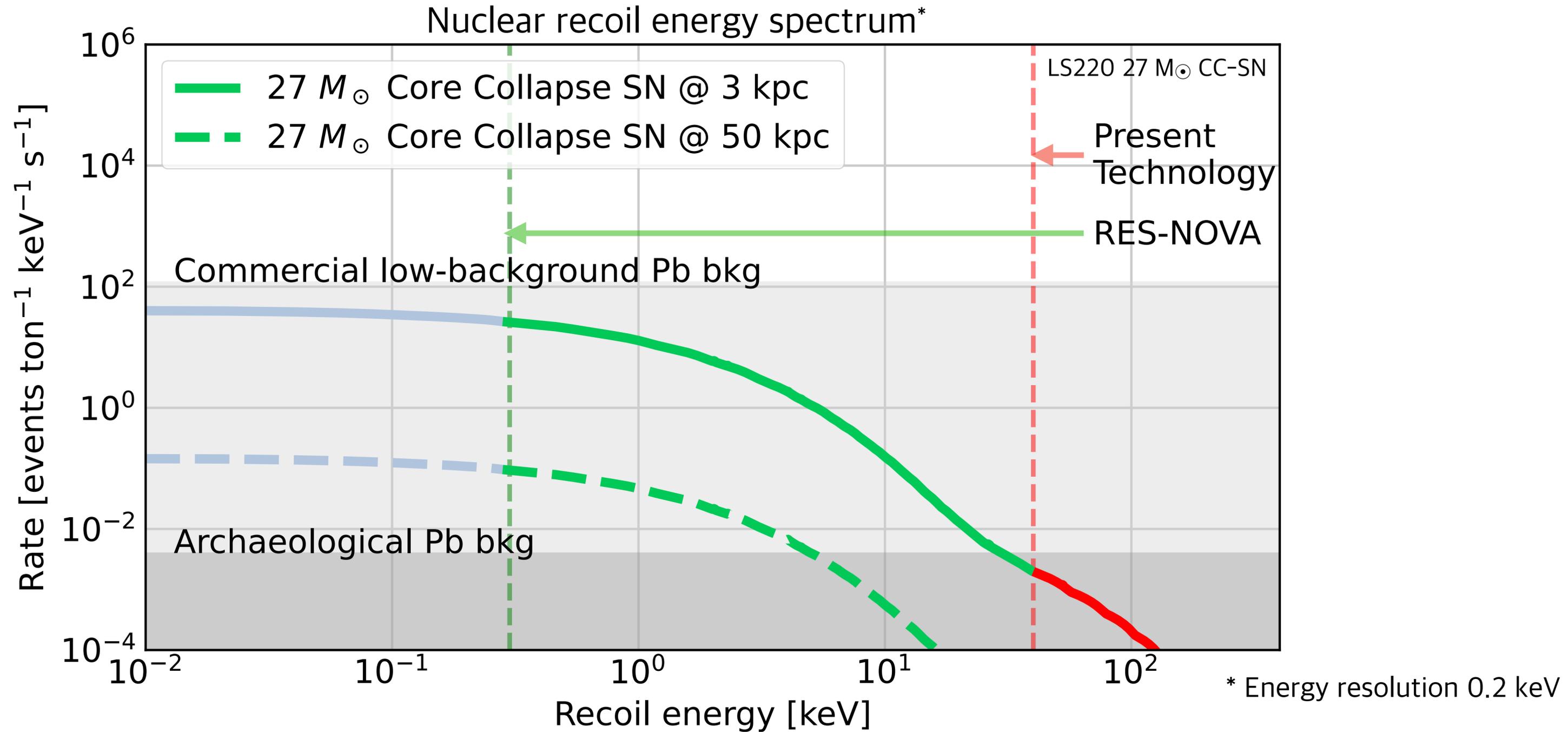
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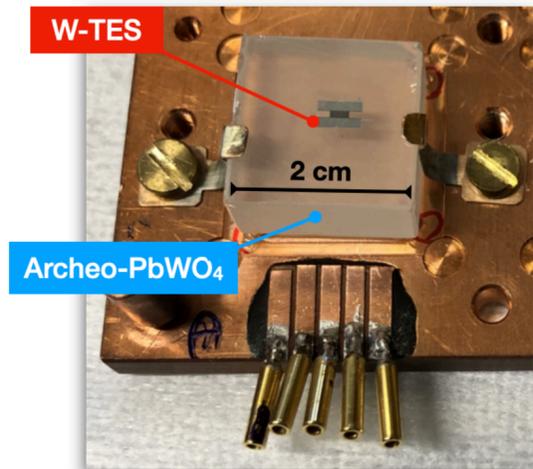


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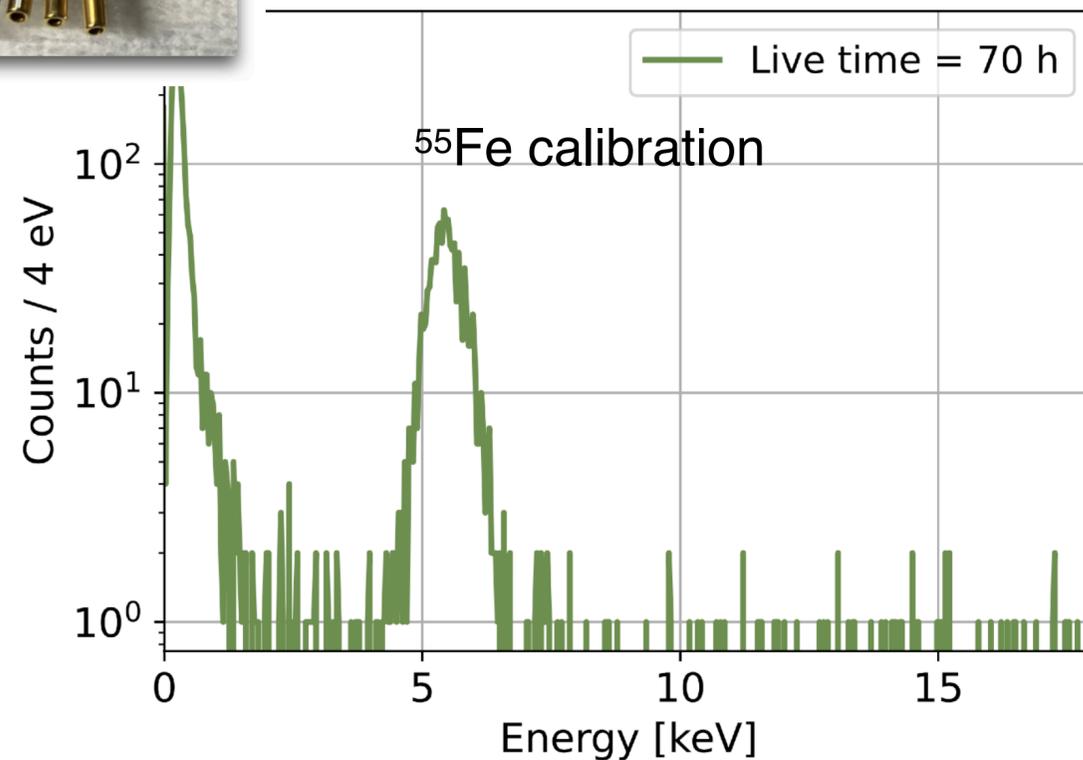
RES-NOVA PROOFS OF PRINCIPLE

ACHIEVEMENT OF LOW THRESHOLD AND LOW BACKGROUND



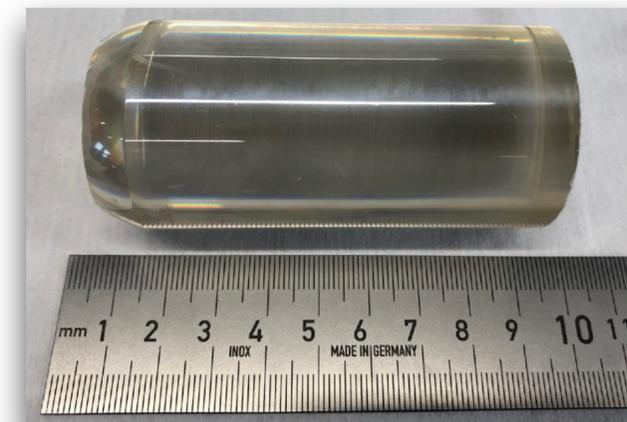
N. Ferreiro Iachellini et al.,
J. Low Temp. Phys. 11, 184 (2022)

TOTAL ENERGY SPECTRUM



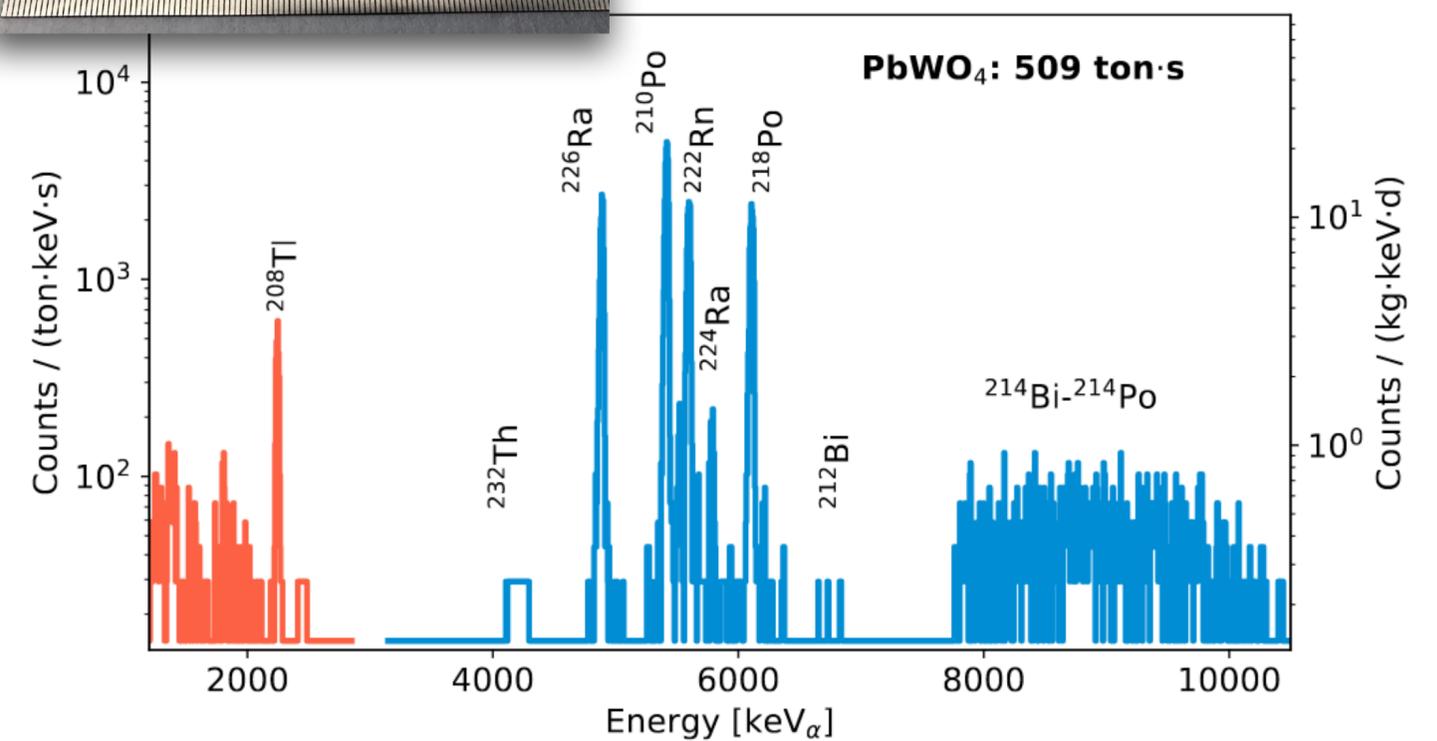
Above ground @ Max Planck Munich (DE)

Nuclear recoil threshold - 300 eV (PbWO₄ - 20 g)



RES-NOVA group of interest
Eur. Phys. J. C 82, 692 (2022)

TOTAL ENERGY SPECTRUM



Under ground @ LNGS (IT)

Radiopurity @ $\mu\text{Bq/kg}$ scale (PbWO₄ - 0.9 kg)

SEMINAL PAPER

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Principles and applications of a neutral-current detector for neutrino physics and astronomy

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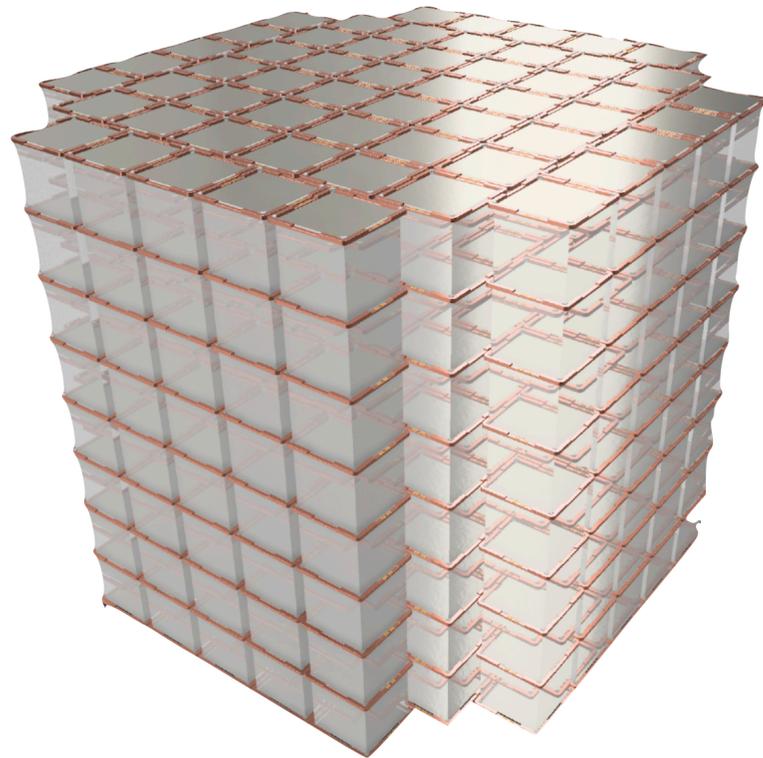
(Received 21 November 1983)

We study detection of MeV-range neutrinos through elastic scattering on nuclei and identification of the recoil energy. The very large value of the neutral-current cross section due to coherence indicates a detector would be relatively light and suggests the possibility of a true “neutrino observatory.” The recoil energy which must be detected is very small ($10\text{--}10^3$ eV), however. We examine a realization in terms of the superconducting-grain idea, which appears, in principle, to be feasible through extension and extrapolation of currently known techniques. Such a detector could permit determination of the neutrino energy spectrum and should be insensitive to neutrino oscillations since it detects all neutrino types. Various applications and tests are discussed, including spallation sources, reactors, supernovas, and solar and terrestrial neutrinos. A preliminary estimate of the most difficult backgrounds is attempted.



RES-NOVA BACKGROUND MODEL

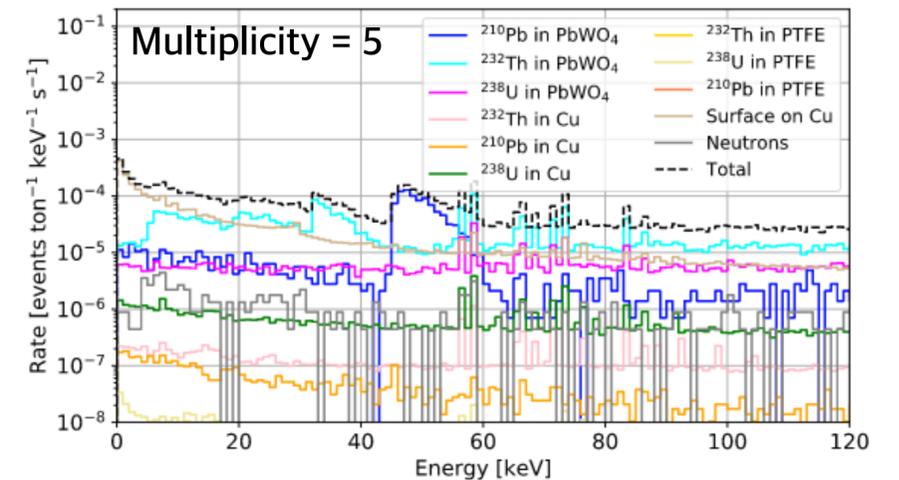
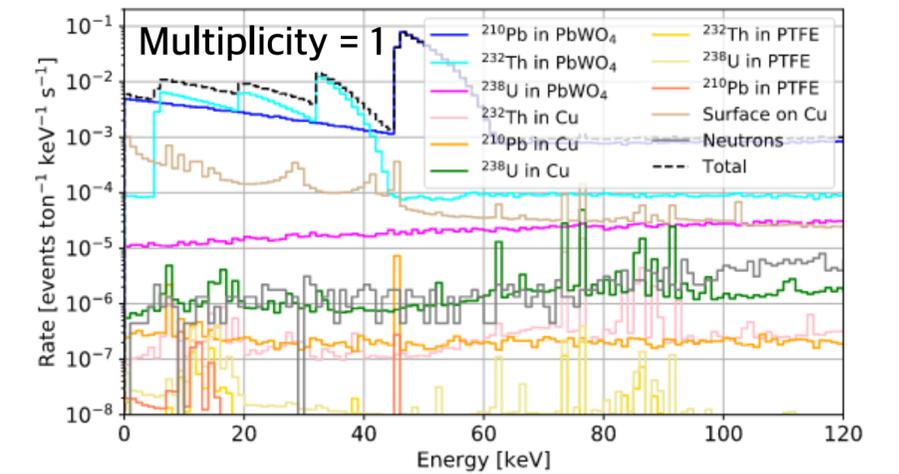
Detector response studies to radioactive background sources - MC simulations



Modular detector

Component	Source Isotope	Activity [Bq/kg] ([Bq/cm ²])	
PbWO ₄ crystals	²³² Th	$< 2.3 \times 10^{-4}$	[50]
	²³⁸ U	$< 7.0 \times 10^{-5}$	[50]
	²¹⁰ Pb	$< 7.1 \times 10^{-4}$	[36]
Cu structure	²³² Th	$< 2.1 \times 10^{-6}$	[35]
	²³⁸ U	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-5}$	[35]
Cu surface	²³² Th - 10 μm	$(5.0 \pm 1.7) \times 10^{-9}$	[35]
	²³⁸ U - 10 μm	$(1.4 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-8}$	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb - 10 μm	$< 1.9 \times 10^{-8}$	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb - 0.1 μm	$(4.3 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-8}$	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb - 0.01 μm	$(2.9 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-8}$	[35]
PTFE holders	²³² Th	$< 6.1 \times 10^{-6}$	[35]
	²³⁸ U	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-5}$	[35]
	²¹⁰ Pb	$< 2.2 \times 10^{-5}$	[35]
Environment	neutrons	$3.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	[59]

Radioactive background sources



Detector energy response

RES-NOVA BACKGROUND MODEL

High multiplicity SN signal



High multiplicity bkg

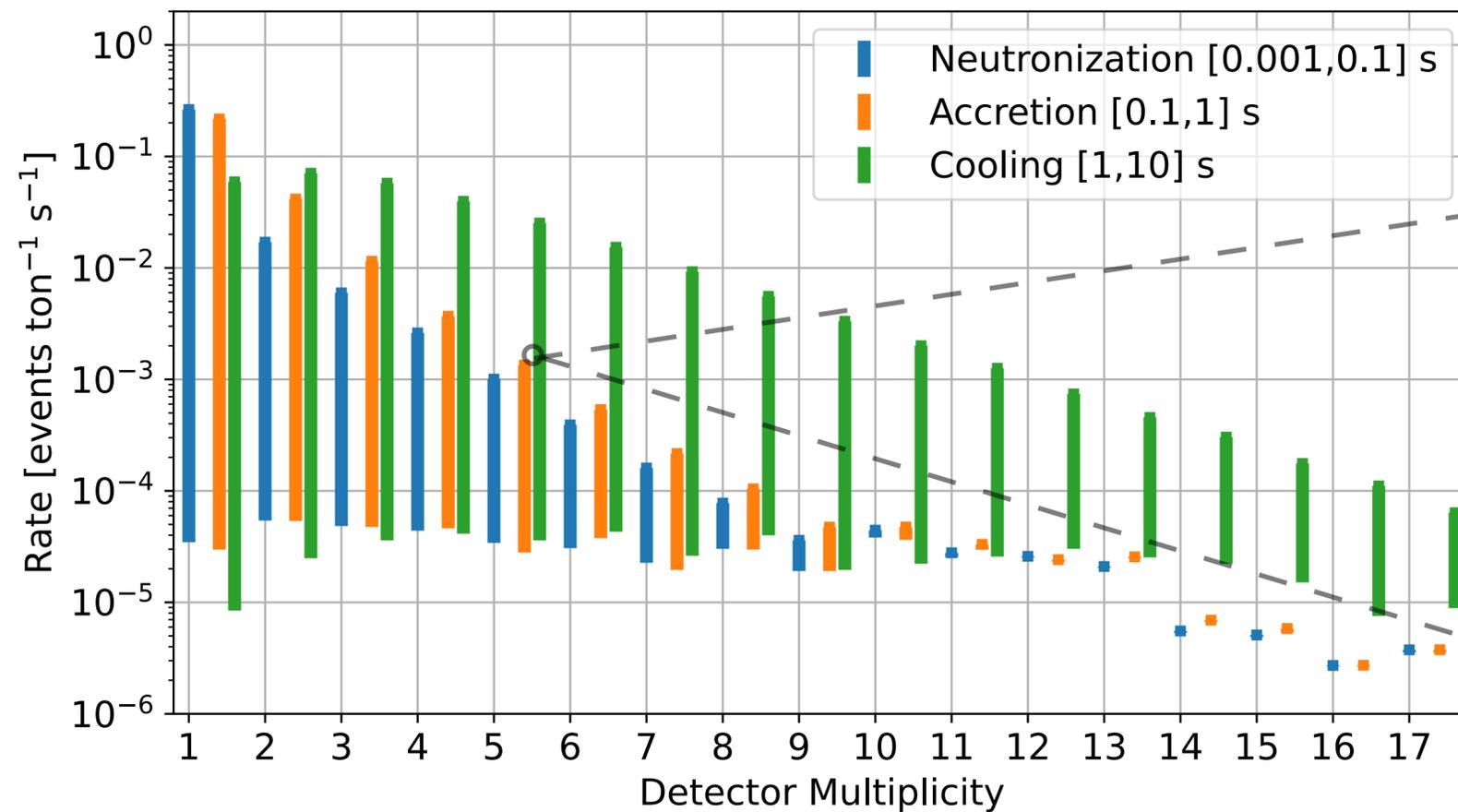


Low-background

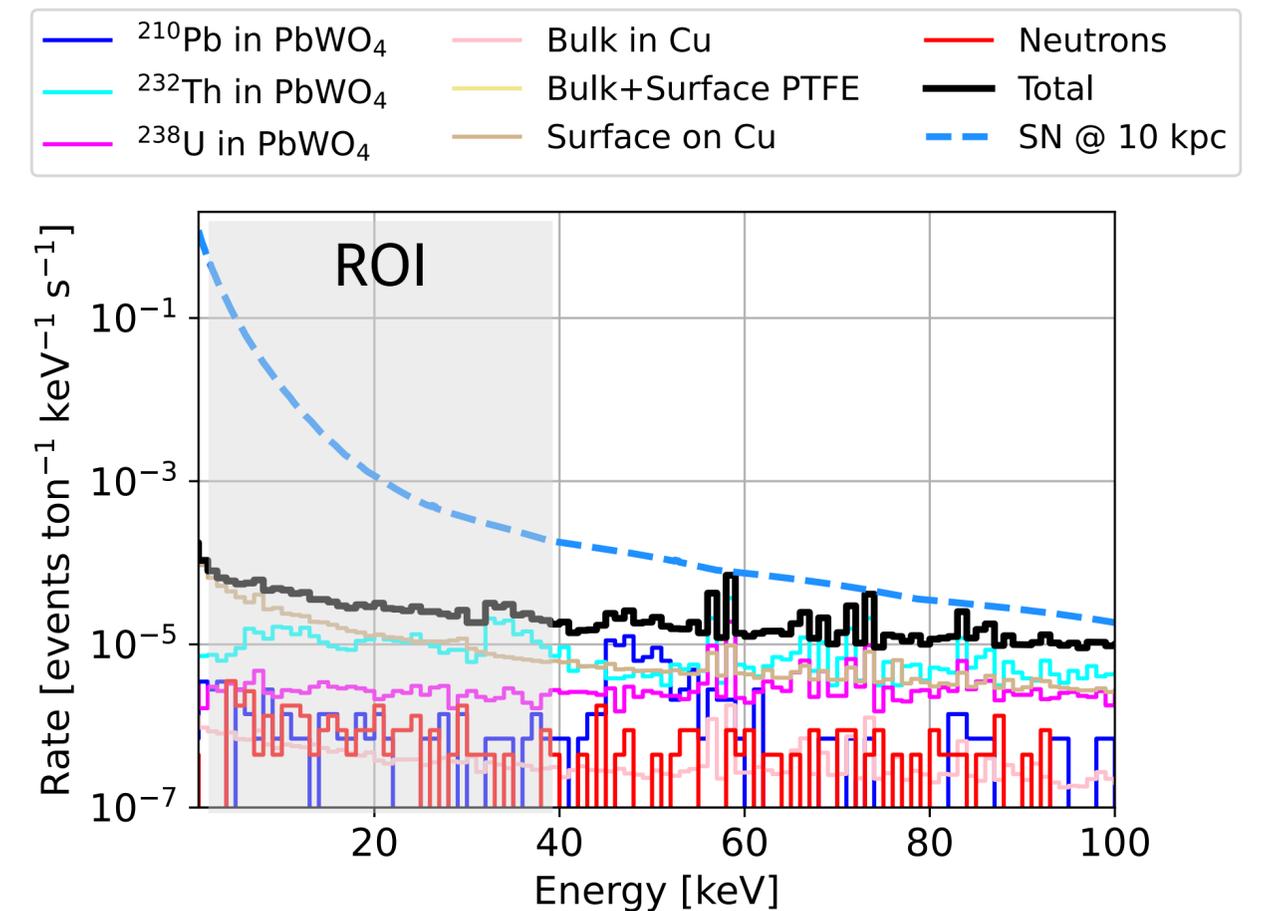
Bkg goal: $<10^{-3}$ ev/ton/keV/s in coincidence mode (no particle ID)

<0.086 c/keV/kg/d

Background rate in the ROI

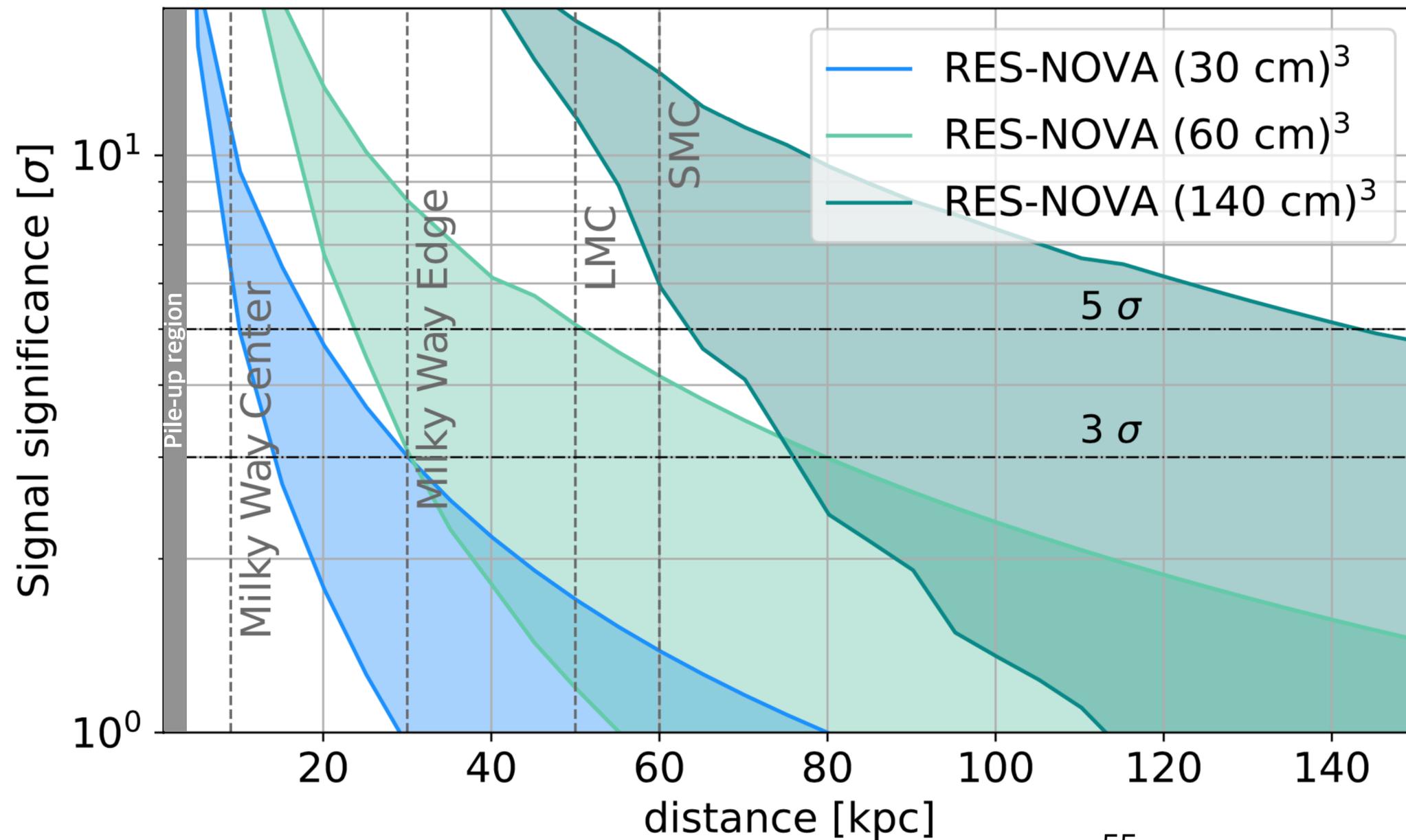


Detector energy spectrum for a SN @ 10 kpc



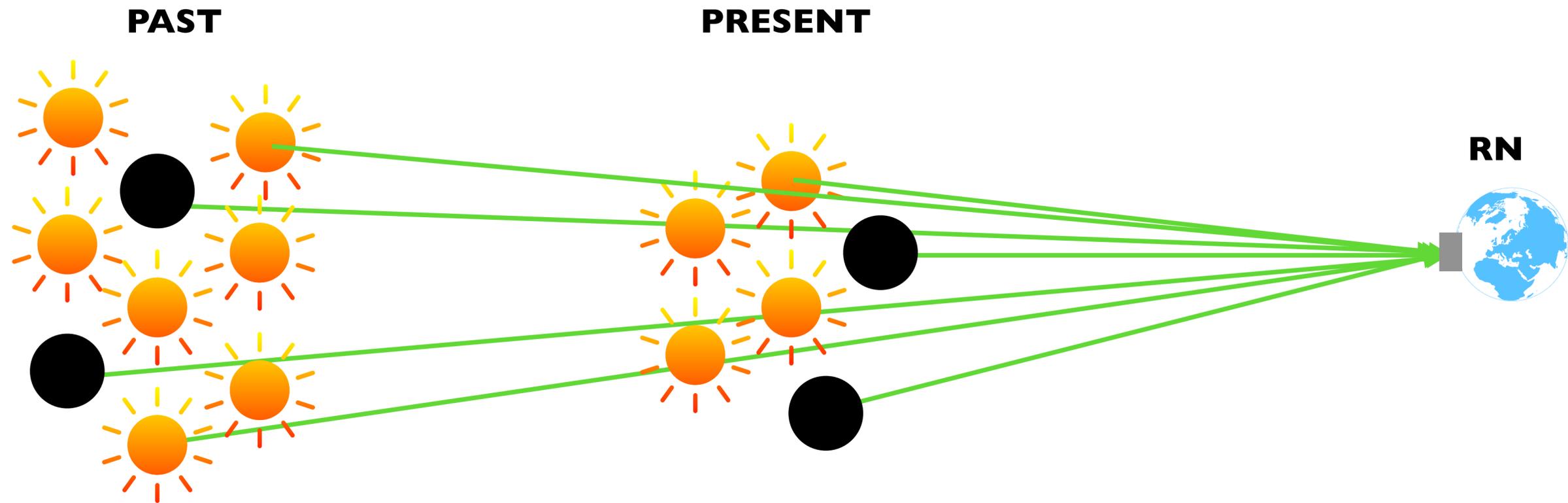
RES-NOVA SENSITIVITY

SMALL DETECTOR GREAT POTENTIAL



Target: archaeo-PbWO₄
Energy threshold: 1 keV
Bkg @ ROI: 10⁻³ c/keV/ton/s/

DIFFUSE SN NEUTRINO BACKGROUND



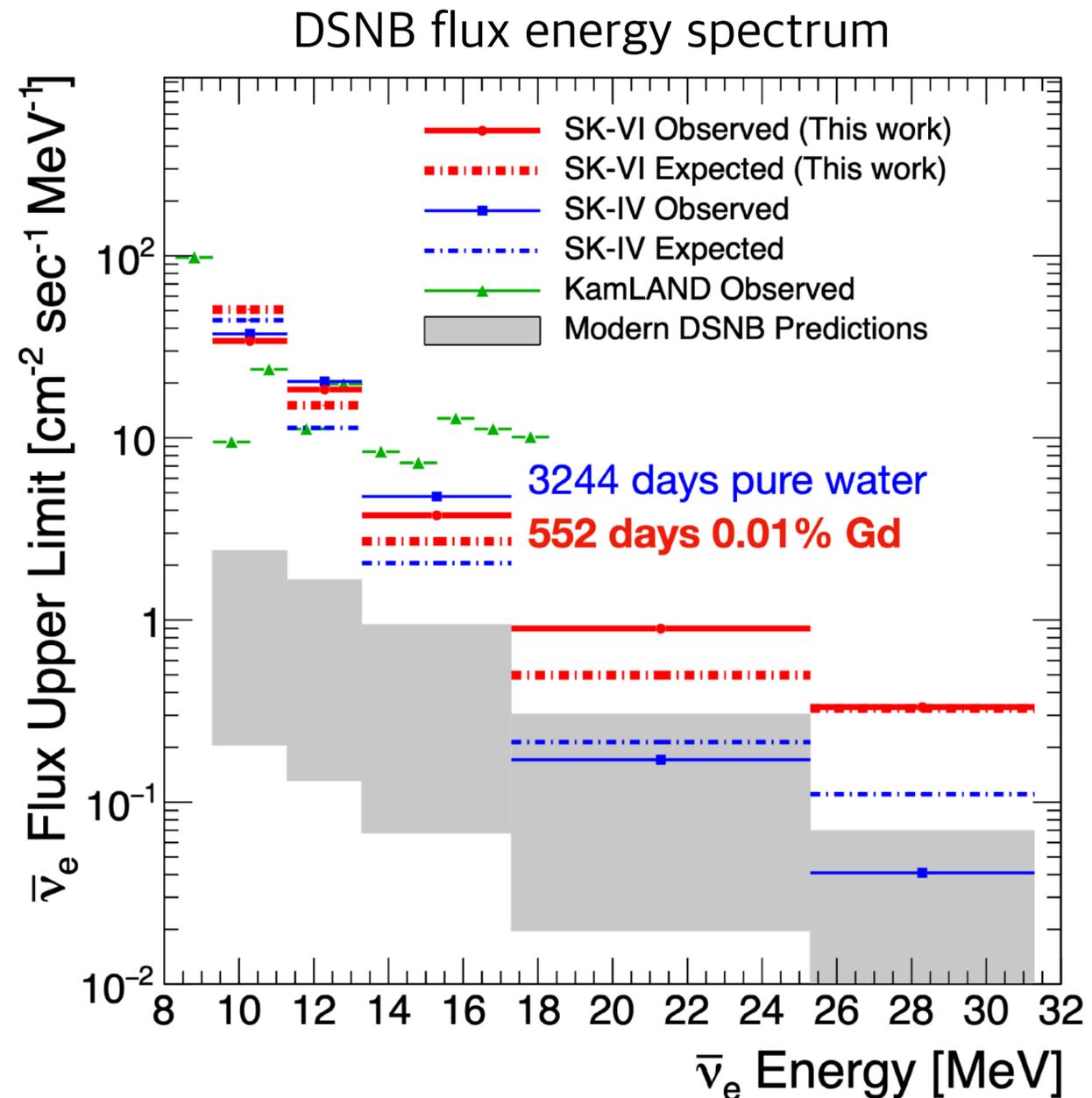
$$\Phi_{\nu\beta}(E) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_{8M_{\odot}}^{125M_{\odot}} dM \int_0^{z_{\max}} dz \frac{R_{\text{SN}}(z, M)}{\sqrt{\Omega_M(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda}}} \times [f_{\text{CC-SN}} F_{\nu\beta, \text{CC-SN}}(E', M) + f_{\text{BH-SN}} F_{\nu\beta, \text{BH-SN}}(E', M)]$$

distance ↙

↗ Cosmological rate of CC-SN ↖ Flux at production
 ↗ Cosmological rate of fail-SN ↖ Flux at production

CURRENT STATUS OF DSNB SEARCHES

ANTI- ν_e DSNB IS ALMOST THERE

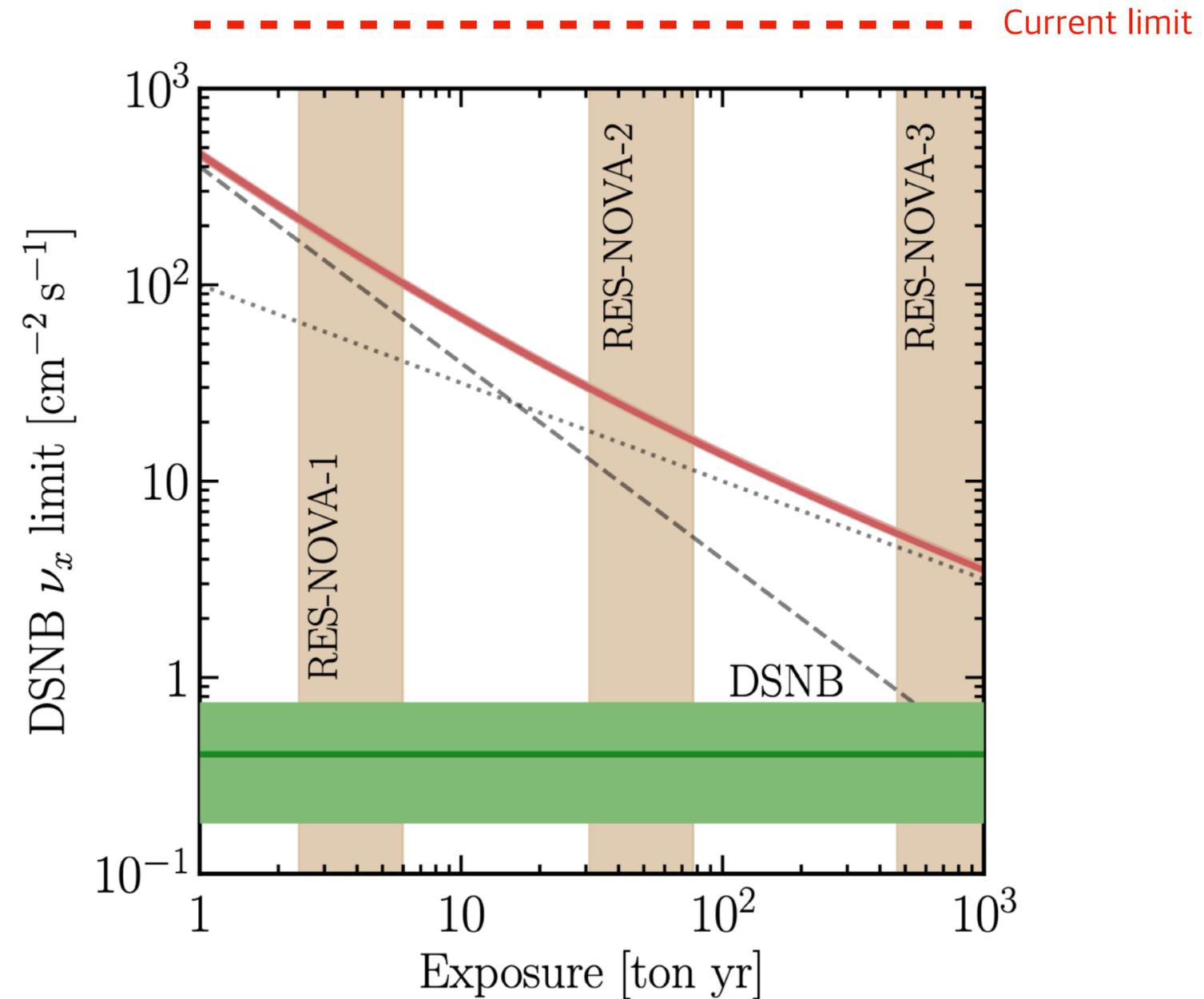
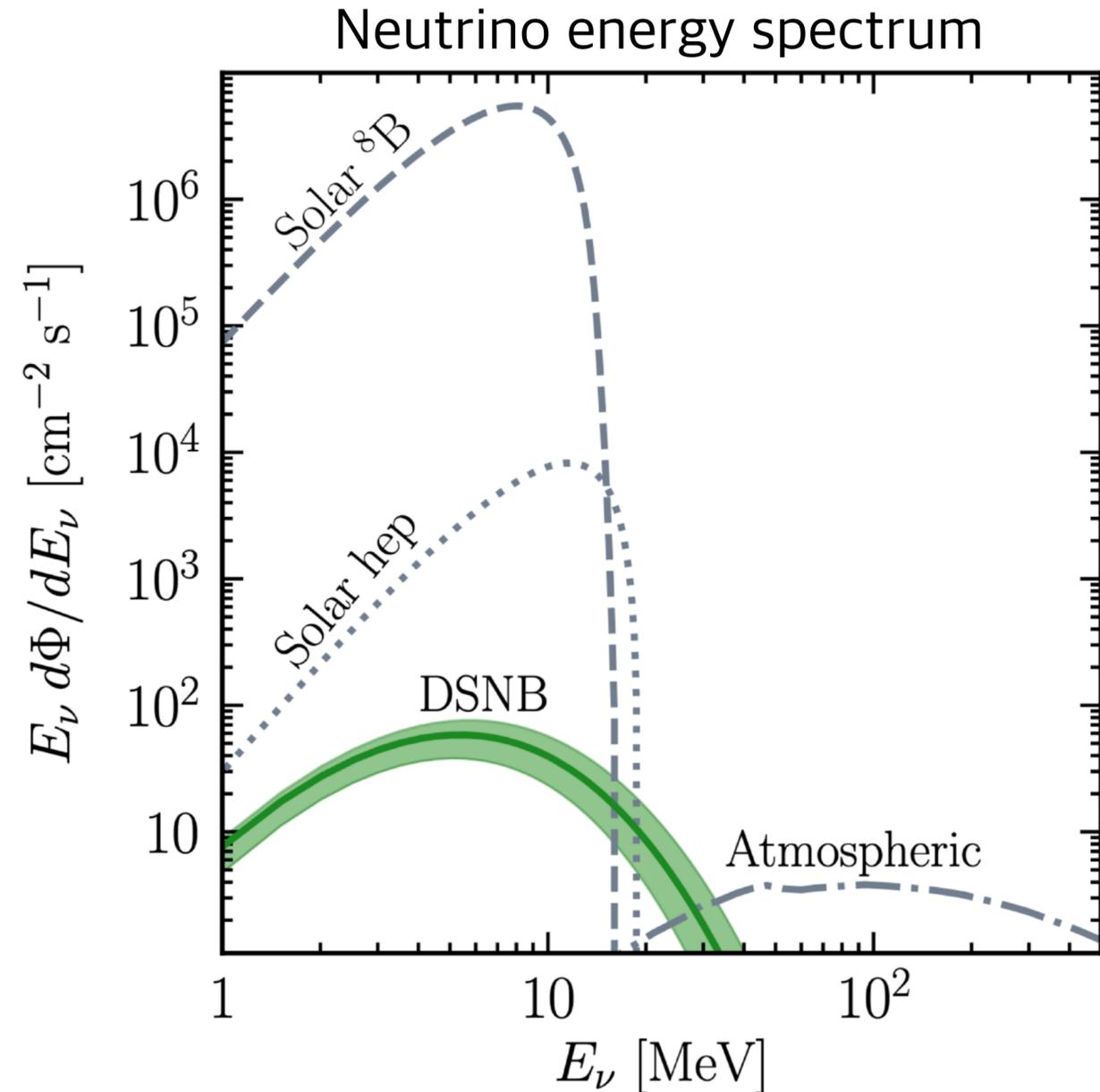


M. Harada et al 2023 ApJL 951 L27

The community has not planned ν_x DSNB searches

DSNB IN ALL FLAVORS WITH RES-NOVA

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

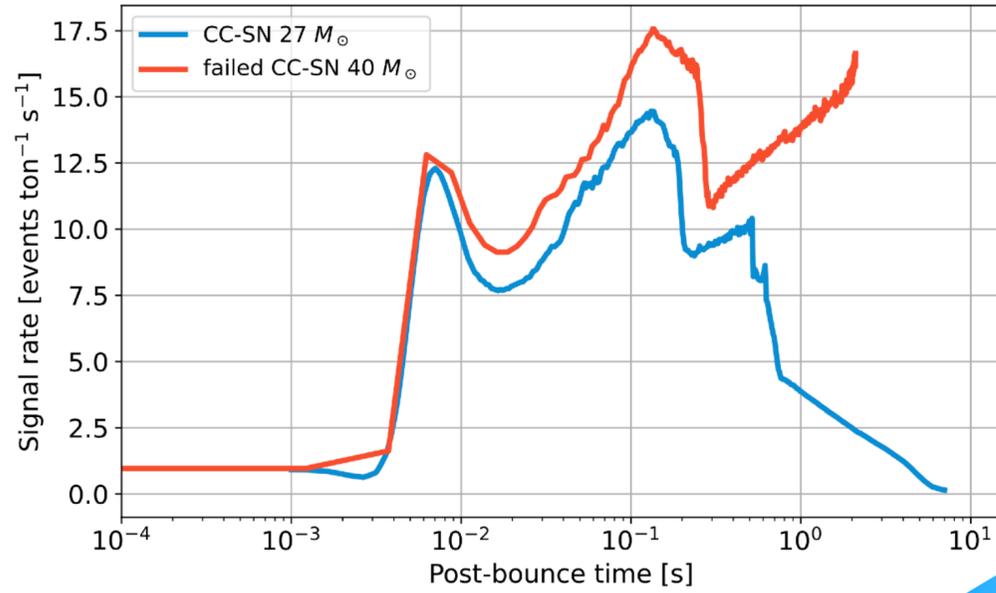


A. Suliga, J. Beacom, I. Tamborra, Phys. Rev. D 105, 043008 (2022)

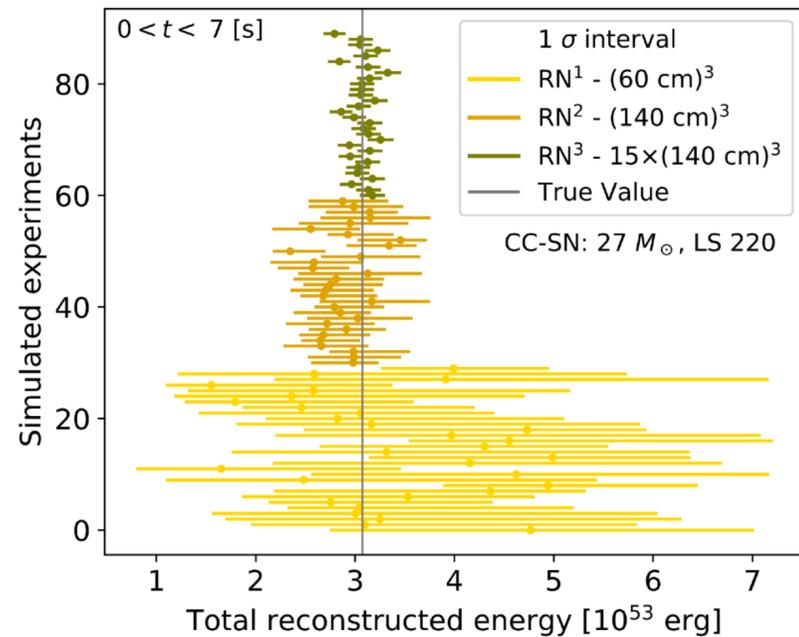
RES-NOVA IMPACT

MULTI-DISCIPLINARITY

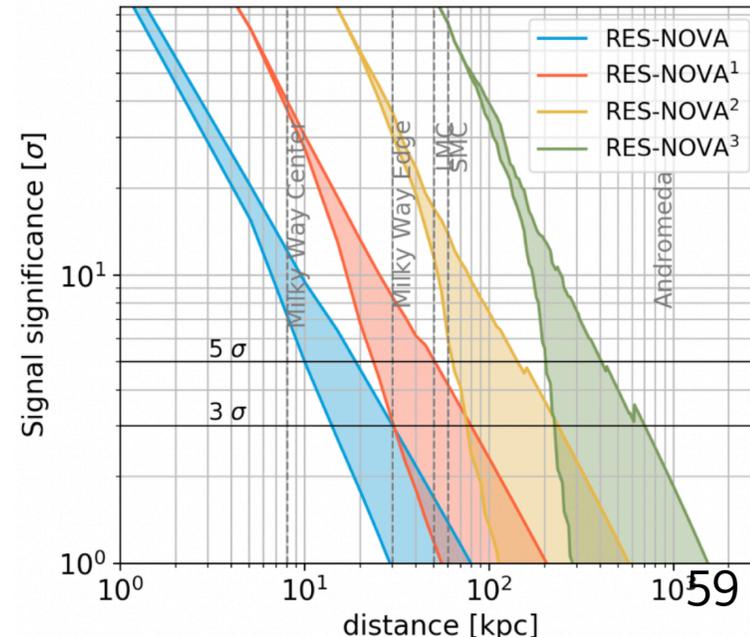
Core Collapse model discrimination



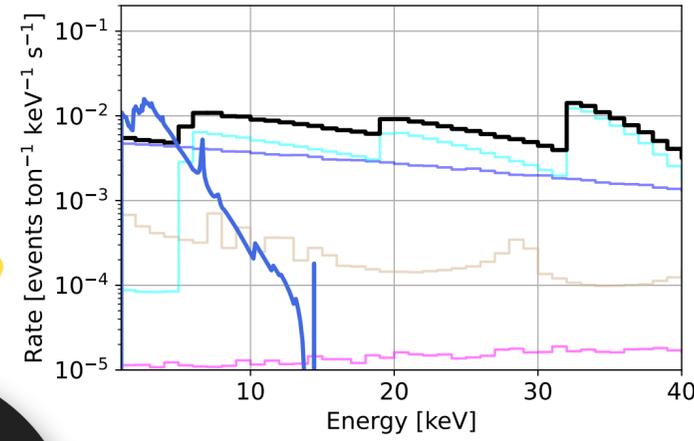
Precise ϵ_{tot} reconstruction



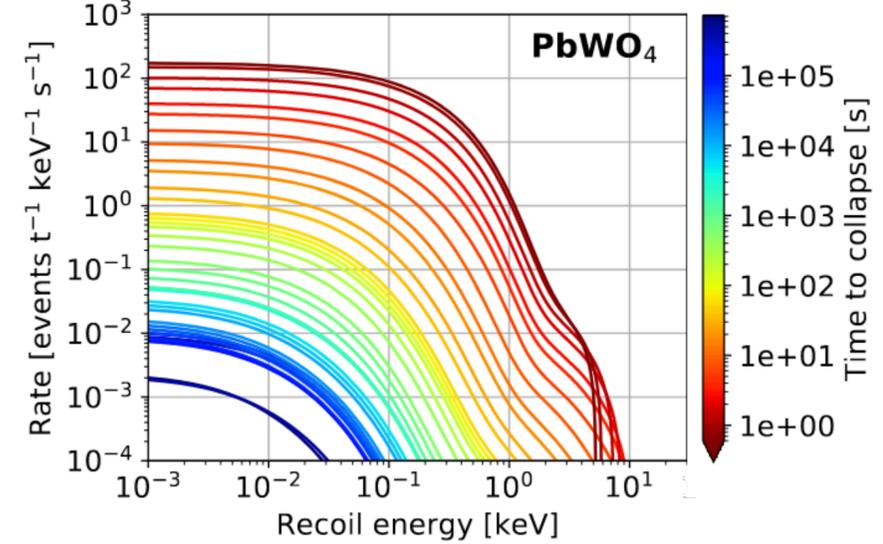
Deep space exploration



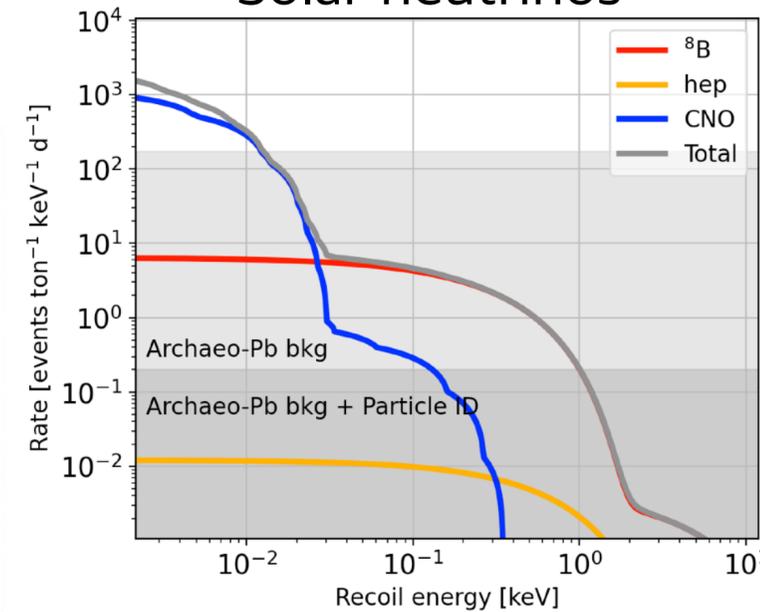
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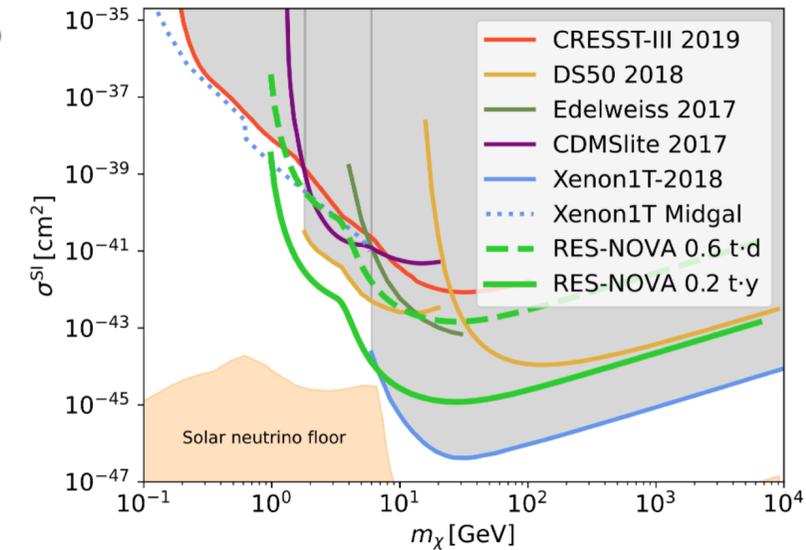
Pre-SN neutrino detection



Solar neutrinos



Direct DM searches

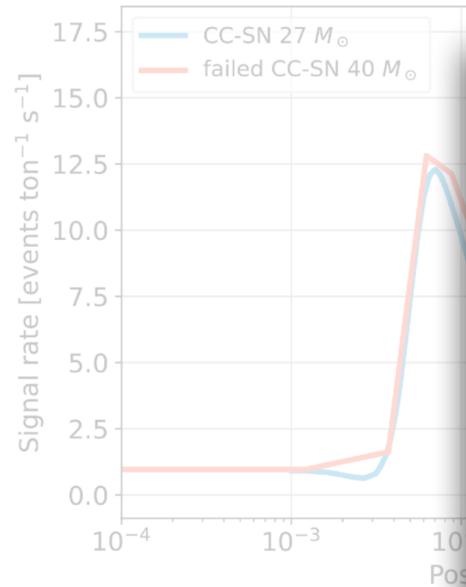


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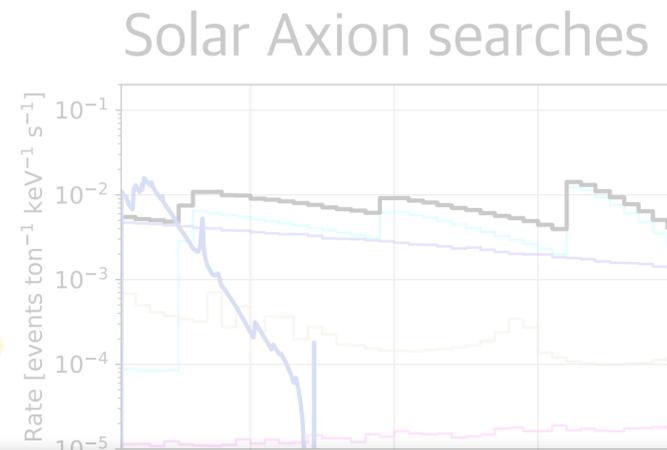
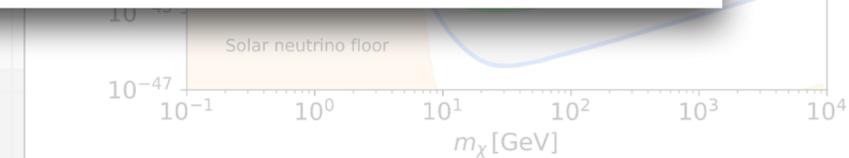
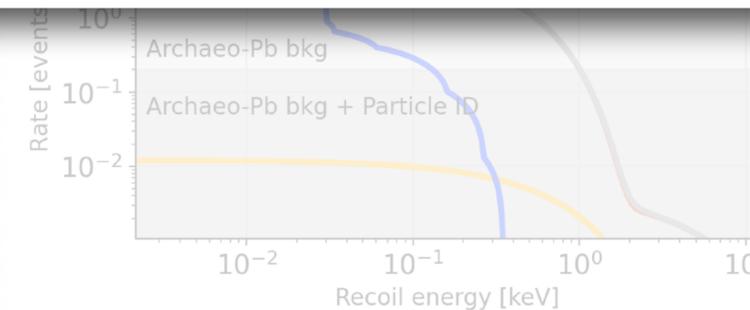
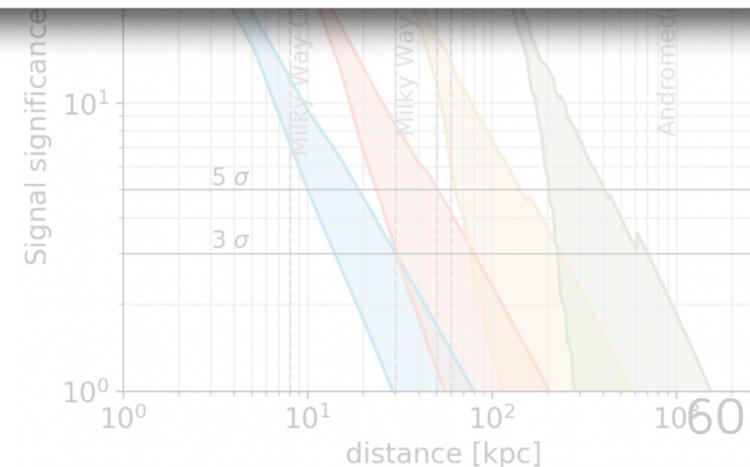
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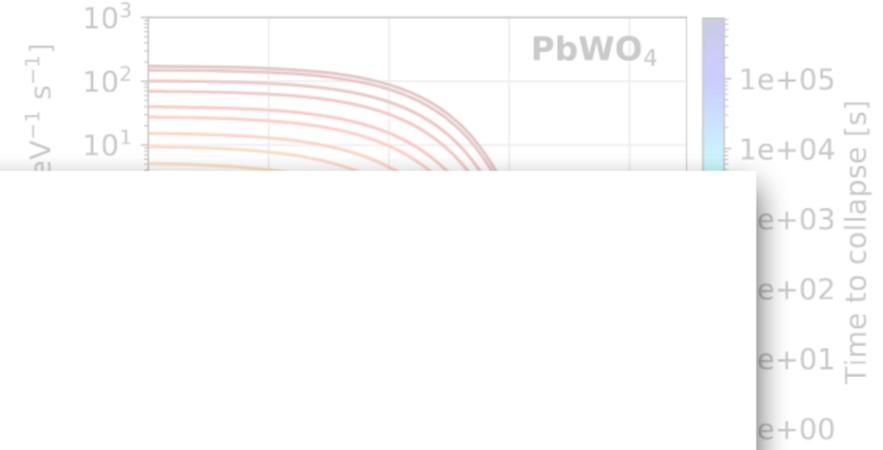
Big resonance in the community:

- ▶ Neutron skin measurement Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 12, 123034
- ▶ Neutrino lifetime measurement JCAP 05 (2024) 002
- ▶ Primordial black-holes Phys.Lett.B 829 (2022) 137050
- ▶ Non-standard neutrino interactions Nucl.Phys.B 977 (2022) 115737
- ▶ Booster Cosmic neutrino background Phys.Rev.D 106 (2022) 9, 095042
- ▶ ...

Precise ϵ_{tot}



Pre-SN neutrino detection



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CONCLUSIONS: WHAT IS MATTER?

Versatile experimental technique - tuneable to the physics target

> $0\nu\beta\beta$, DM, neutrino observatory, solar axion, nuclear physics, ...

Laboratory test of matter-antimatter asymmetry

> high-impact physics program with CUPID

Dark Matter fundamental properties

> cryogenic detectors (CRESST) are leading light-DM searches

Neutrino interaction with matter

> long-term physics program with RES-NOVA

> astrophysical observatory - broad physics reach

